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|    | FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA      |
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|    | ANTITRUST LITIGATION :                        |
| 4  | : MDL No. 2002                                |
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| 2        |  | 2 Veritext will swear in the witness and  |
| 3        | VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the        | e 3 we can proceed.   |
| 4        | record. My name is Kim Johnson,        | 4   |
| 5        | representing Veritext.                 | 5 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON, after  |
| 6        | The date today is March 20,            | 6 having been duly sworn, was examined  |
| 7        | 2014. The time is 9:06. This           | 7 and testified as follows:   |
| 8        | deposition is being held at Porter     | 8   |
| 9        | Wright located at 1900 K Street,       | 9 EXAMINATION   |
| 10       | Northwest, Washington, D.C., and is    | 10  |
| 11       | being taken by counsel for the         | 11 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   |
| 12       | plaintiff in the matter of Processed   | 12 Q. Good morning, Mr. Hinton.   |
| 13       | Egg Products Antitrust Litigation.     | 13 A. Good morning.   |
| 14       | This case is filed in the U.S.         | 14 Q. Would you state your full name  |
| 15       | District Court of Eastern              | 15 for the record?  |
| 16       | Pennsylvania, Case Number 08-MD-02002. | 16 A. Gregory Eugene Hinton.  |
| 17       | The name of the witness is Greg        | Q. And where do you live?   |
| 18       | Hinton.                                | 18 A. Seymour, Indiana.   |
| 19       | At this time attorneys present         | 19 Q. Where do you work?  |
| 20       | in the room and attending remotely     | 20 A. Rose Acre Farms.  |
| 21       | will identity themselves and the       | Q. What's your business address?  |
| 22       | parties they represent.                | A. 6874 North Base Road, Seymour,   |
| 23       | MR. MALYSIAK: James Malysiak,          | 23 Indiana.   |
| 24       | Jenner & Block, Chicago, Illinois,     | Q. What's your position at Rose   |
| 25       | representing Direct Action Plaintiffs, | 25 Acre?  |
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| 1        | Ç                                      | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2        | Kraft Foods, General Mills, Kellogg,   | 2 A. Vice president of sales.   |
| 3        | Nestle, and also here for the other    | 3 Q. How long have you had that   |
| 4        | Direct Action Plaintiffs.              | 4 position?   |
| 5        | MR. ALLEN: Matt Allen with             | 5 A. Since approximately 1989. No.  |
| 6        | Susman Godfrey for the Direct          | 6 I'm sorry, 1992.  |
| 7        | Purchaser Class.                       | 7 Q. How long have you been with  |
| 8        | MR. SCHIRMER: Mark Schirmer            | 8 Rose Acre?  |
| 9        | with Straus & Boies for the Indirect   | 9 A. For 34 years.  |
| 10       | Purchaser Class.                       | 10 Q. So if my math is right, 1980?   |
| 11       | MR. MONICA: Hi. I'm John               | 11 A. Correct.  |
| 12       | Monica from Porter, Wright, Morris &   | 12 MR. MONICA: Good.  |
| 13       | Arthur, representing Rose Acre Farms,  | 13 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   |
| 14       | Inc. And with me is my partner, Molly  | 14 Q. Could you give us a summary of  |
| 15       | Crabtree.                              | 15 your educational background?   |
| 16       | MS. ANDERSON: Carrie Anderson          | 16 A. Sure. I went to kindergarten  |
| 17       | from Weil Gotshal on behalf of Michael | 17 at Emerson Elementary School.  |
| 18       | Foods and Papetti's Hygrade Egg        | 18 MR. MONICA: Go ahead.  |
| 19       | Products.                              | 19 THE WITNESS: That was  |
| 20       | VIDEOGRAPHER: On the phone?            | 20 kindergarten. That was elementary  |
|          | MR. BURKE: Jason Burke of              | 21 school. Then starting in first grade   |
| 21       | THE BUILDS BUILD OF                    |   |
| 21<br>22 | Faegre Baker Daniels on behalf of      | 22 I went to a Lutheran parochial school,   |
| 1        |  | <ul><li>I went to a Lutheran parochial school,</li><li>Emmanuel Lutheran School in Seymour,</li></ul> |
| 22       | Faegre Baker Daniels on behalf of      | -   |

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| 2 graduation there, I went to Seymour            | 2 manager until approximately late '88, early    |
| 3 High School for four years, graduated          | 3 '89. At that time I was my position            |
| 4 in 1980 from Seymour High School, and          | 4 changed and I became working in the sales      |
| 5 then I attended IUPUI in Columbus,             | 5 department working with egg sales. And         |
| 6 Indiana at night, going to college at          | 6 worked in the egg sales department until '92   |
| 7 night for approximately five years.            | 7 when I was approximately '92, I don't          |
| 8 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                               | 8 remember the exact day, but it's around '92    |
| 9 Q. Did you work anywhere full time             | 9 when I was promoted to vice president of       |
| 10 before Rose Acre?                             | 10 sales. And I've held that position ever       |
| 11 A. Full time, not there could                 | 11 since.  |
| 12 have been weeks I worked 40 hours, but it was | 12 Q. You mentioned cooling a few                |
| 13 all during high school, so they were, I       | 13 times. I have no background in the egg        |
| 14 guess, considered probably part time.         | 14 industry so a lot of my questions may seem    |
| 15 Q. But since completing high                  | 15 pretty fundamental to you, but what's the     |
| 16 school, you've worked full time at Rose Acre? | 16 cooling process involve?                      |
| 17 A. Yes, I have.                               | 17 A. When I say cooling or cooler,              |
| 18 Q. What positions at Rose Acre did            | 18 I'm referring to where we store the eggs, so  |
| 19 you have from the beginning, 1980, until you  | 19 the egg cooler. Once the eggs are it's        |
| 20 became vice president of sales?               | 20 changed over the years, but today we have     |
| 21 A. I started out working after                | 21 mandatory refrigeration laws according to the |
| 22 school in the afternoons unloading carton     | 22 FDA and the Food Modernization Act. But back  |
| 23 trucks. So I didn't have a title. I guess     | 23 then it wasn't quite the standard it is       |
| 24 it would be unloading carton trucks. So I     | 24 today. But basically after the eggs are       |
| 25 did that during most of my second half of my  | 25 packed in the carton, put in the case, taped, |
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| 2 senior year until I graduated. During that     | 2 stacked, the eggs are put into an egg cooler   |
| 3 time I helped out in the cooler stacking       | 3 to be held until the time that we would load   |
| 4 eggs, helping load helping the shippers        | 4 them on the trucks to send them to customers.  |
| 5 load trucks as general duties and the          | 5 Q. Is there some limit by law on               |
| 6 around the packaging and cooler eggs. Then     | 6 how long you can keep them in the cooler?      |
| 7 after graduation, I worked I became full       | 7 A. A limit by law that you can                 |
| 8 time and I worked in the cooler, and that      | 8 keep them in the cooler? No. Not aware of      |
| 9 involved stacking eggs on the line as well as  | 9 a  |
| 10 loading egg trucks. Approximately sometime    | 10 Q. Has Rose Acre had its own                  |
| 11 in '81, late '81, I transferred and that      | 11 policy as to how long they can keep them in   |
| 12 was at Cort Acres in Seymour, Indiana. In     | 12 the cooler?                                   |
| 13 '81 I transferred over to Jen-Acres, our farm | 13 A. We have different customer                 |
| 14 in North Vernon, Indiana. My responsibilities | 14 specifications, so depending on what the      |
| 15 over there, I was cooler manager, I was       | 15 customer specs are kind of dictate the length |
| 16 responsible for all the duties as far as      | 16 of time the eggs could be in the cooler,      |
| 17 loading the trucks over the shippers that     | 17 because from the time that we pack the eggs,  |
| 18 help load the egg trucks. I also had          | 18 customers some of them have different         |
| 19 responsibility of house inspections, walking  | 19 requirements as far as how old the eggs could |
| 20 chicken houses and making reports on a daily  | 20 be upon delivery. So that more that           |
| 21 basis. I stayed there for about a year and a  | 21 dictates it more than anything. And then      |
| 22 half, and at that time I transferred back to  | 22 yes.  |
| 23 Cort Acres in Seymour where I took on         | 23 Q. What are your responsibilities             |
| 24 responsibility of cooler manager at that      | 24 as vice president of sales?                   |
| 25 location. I held that position as cooler      | 25 A. I am responsible for overseeing            |
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| 2 all the egg and egg product sales for Rose 3 Acre. I have direct responsibility for  | 2 team that visits supermarkets and checks the<br>3 quality of shell eggs at the supermarket   |
| 4 pricing of the eggs to our customers, for our  | 4 level. That's the sales staff, the different   |
| 5 sales force that works inside and outside  | 5 responsibilities.  |
| 6 sales with our customers, the customer   | 6 Q. During that period, 1999 to   |
| 7 service group, our quality inspection group  | 7 2008, what's your estimate of how many   |
| 8 that goes visit supermarkets to inspect  | 8 individuals in those positions reported to   |
| 9 quality of shell eggs. And really anything   | 9 you?   |
| 10 involving customers would fall under my   | 10 A. At any time back between then  |
| 11 responsibility.   | 11 and 2008, maybe six or seven.   |
| 12 Q. Have your responsibilities   | 12 Q. Do you have any ownership  |
| 13 changed at all since 1992 over time?  | 13 interest in Rose Acre?  |
| 14 A. The overall general  | 14 A. No, I don't.   |
| 15 responsibilities, no.   | 15 Q. Never have?  |
| 16 Q. You referred in your answer to   | 16 A. Never have.  |
| 17 several different types of individuals that   | 17 Q. Are you a member of the Rose   |
| 18 work under your supervision. Could you go   | 18 Acre board?   |
| 19 through those again? Who are your staff, the  | 19 A. Yes, I am.   |
| 20 people that report to you?  | 20 Q. How long have you been on the  |
| 21 A. Today?   | 21 Rose Acre board?  |
| 22 Q. Well, let's go back, this case   | 22 A. I think about three or four  |
| 23 really focuses on 1999 to 2008. You don't   | 23 years.  |
| 24 have to give by names but just categories and   | Q. So you weren't on the Rose Acre   |
| 25 functions.  | 25 board during the period 1999 to 2008?   |
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| 2 A. Oh, okay. I would have sales  | 2 A. I don't believe so, no.   |
| 3 staff that would travel and meet with  | 3 Q. During that period, 1999-2008,  |
| 4 customers, work on prospective new customers   | 4 how were you compensated by Rose Acre?   |
| 5 and visit customers, review how things are   | 5 A. With a paycheck.  |
| 6 going, you know, just in general. Make sure  | The second secon |
|  | 6 Q. Salary?   |
| 7 if there's any other needs the customer has.   |  |
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| 2 Grocers.                                       | 2 correct.                                       |
| 3 Are we can I ask you a                         | 3 Q. Now, you also mentioned egg                 |
| 4 question?                                      | 4 products. What egg products did Rose Acre      |
| 5 Q. Sure.                                       | 5 sell during those years, 1999-2008?            |
| 6 A. Are we talking just shell eggs,             | 6 A. We sold salt yolk. I'm sorry,               |
| 7 just eggs, just eggs and egg products or do    | 7 salt.  |
| 8 you want other products?                       | 8 Q. How do you spell it?                        |
| 9 Q. Let's go with eggs first.                   | 9 A. S-A-L-T, Y-O-L-K. Salt yolk.                |
| 10 A. Just want to make sure. Did I              | 10 Salted whole mix, liquid egg whites, dried    |
| 11 mention Wal-Mart?                             | 11 egg whites, high whip and standard, dried egg |
| 12 Q. Yes.                                       | 12 yolk, standard and free flow, dried whole     |
| 13 A. Those are our largest                      | 13 egg, frozen salt yolk, frozen sugar yolk,     |
| 14 customers. Oh, Dutch Farms. I'm sorry.        | 14 frozen egg whites, an enzyme modified egg     |
| 15 Dutch Farms.                                  | 15 yolk, no cholesterol product. That's the      |
| 16 Q. What percentage of Rose Acre's             | 16 majority of them. There could be a few        |
| 17 total sales of eggs during that period,       | 17 others I didn't mention.                      |
| 18 1999-2008, would be to these large customers, | 18 Q. Did Rose Acre do this                      |
| 19 would you estimate?                           | 19 processing itself to make these products?     |
| 20 MR. MONICA: We're talking eggs                | 20 A. Yes, they did.                             |
| 21 or are you including egg products?            | 21 Q. Where do you have the                      |
| 22 MR. MALYSIAK: Just eggs.                      | 22 facilities to do that, during that period     |
| 23 MR. MONICA: Just eggs.                        | 23 again?  |
| 24 THE WITNESS: Well, I mentioned                | 24 A. At Cort Acres in Seymour,                  |
| 25 Kraft, so that's egg products. So are         | 25 Indiana. At Pulaski County Egg Farm in        |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 we counting egg products or                    | 2 Francesville, Indiana. At Guthrie Center Egg   |
| 3 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                               | 3 Farm in Guthrie Center, Iowa. And at           |
| 4 Q. Let's just go with eggs first.              | 4 Marshall Egg Products in Marshall, Missouri.   |
| 5 A. Just shell eggs?                            | 5 And Nepco Egg Products in Social Circle,       |
| 6 Q. Yes.  | 6 Georgia.                                       |
| 7 A. On just the customers I                     | 7 Q. Are each of those facilities                |
| 8 mentioned?                                     | 8 was each of those facilities during go         |
| 9 Q. Yes, the ones you consider your             | 9 ahead.   |
| 10 large customers.                              | 10 A. Excuse me. I mentioned                     |
| 11 A. I don't know exactly off the               | 11 Francesville, okay.                           |
| 12 top of my head.                               | 12 Q. Was each of those facilities               |
| 13 Q. Any ballpark estimate?                     | 13 during that period owned and operated by Rose |
| 14 A. No. It would change it                     | 14 Acre?   |
| 15 would change over time.                       | 15 A. Yes, they were.                            |
| 16 Q. Taking, for instance, Kroger,              | 16 Q. Can you estimate during that               |
| 17 what percentage of your sales of eggs would   | 17 period, 1999-2008, the percentage in dollar   |
| 18 you make every year to Kroger would you       | 18 amount each year that Rose Acre sold of shell |
| 19 estimate?                                     | 19 eggs versus these egg products?               |
| 20 A. For what years?                            | 20 A. No, I can't.                               |
| 21 Q. 1999-2008. And, of course, it              | 21 Q. During that period, did you                |
| 22 might vary.                                   | 22 handle the sales relationship with any of     |
| 23 A. It can vary by year. So I                  | 23 these large customers you've named?           |
| 24 without looking at an exact document, I don't | 24 A. Yes.                                       |
| 25 want to put out a number that may not be      | 25 Q. Which ones?                                |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 A. I had relationships with all my            | 2 were five years?                               |
| 3 customers.                                    | 3 A. Kraft.                                      |
| 4 Q. Which ones were you the chief              | 4 Q. For the no contract one, how                |
| 5 connector, if you will, the one who made the  | 5 did you determine what would be sold to them   |
| 6 contracts?                                    | 6 and at what price?                             |
| 7 A. Could we read back the ones                | 7 A. Well, what determined what I                |
| 8 that I gave you?                              | 8 sold to them is what they requested. So        |
| 9 Q. Save-A-Lot.                                | 9 whatever products the customer asked for,      |
| 10 A. Primary you want to go one                | 10 we'd sell to them and it would be I would     |
| 11 by one?                                      | 11 establish a price and then they accepted and  |
| 12 Q. Yes.                                      | 12 we started selling to them. And then over     |
| 13 A. Primary contact.                          | 13 time if they it was no set time that they     |
| 14 Q. Aldi?                                     | 14 could come back and ask that they were either |
| 15 A. Primary contact.                          | 15 going to rebid their business or would want   |
| 16 Q. Kroger?                                   | 16 to negotiate a different price.               |
| 17 A. Primary contact in the                    | 17 Q. So it was essentially on an                |
| 18 beginning.                                   | 18 order-by-order basis?                         |
| 19 Q. And when did that end?                    | 19 A. It would be I don't know if                |
| 20 A. I don't remember exactly what             | 20 I I wouldn't just term it as order by         |
| 21 year. But I still have a lot of contact, but | 21 order, but I would say it was just on a       |
| 22 I'm not I have someone else as the           | 22 period of time. And if they at any time       |
| 23 primary.                                     | 23 they could come back to me and either drop    |
| 24 Q. Wal-Mart?                                 | 24 the business or renegotiate. It was no set    |
| 25 A. Primary contact.                          | 25 contract, just                                |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 Q. Kraft?                                     | 2 Q. How was the price determined                |
| 3 A. Primary contact.                           | 3 for those deals?                               |
| 4 Q. Schnucks?                                  | 4 A. For which ones, for which                   |
| 5 A. Same. In the beginning,                    | 5 customers specifically?                        |
| 6 primary contact, but that changed over time.  | 6 Q. Say Save-A-Lot.                             |
| 7 Q. Certified Grocers?                         | 7 A. It was a price negotiated off               |
| 8 A. It was primary contact.                    | 8 the if we go for what year?                    |
| 9 Q. And Dutch Farms?                           | 9 Q. Any time during 1999-2008.                  |
| 10 A. Primary contact.                          | 10 A. They in '99 they would have                |
| 11 Q. Did Rose Acre have a standard             | 11 been purchasing off the Rose Acre market.     |
| 12 practice with respect to these large         | 12 2008, I believe they would have been at that  |
| 13 customers of length of contract?             | 13 time off the Urner Barry market.              |
| 14 A. There's no standard.                      | 14 Q. What was the Rose Acre market?             |
| 15 Q. What were the ranges of terms             | 15 A. It's a market that's                       |
| 16 of contract during that period with these    | 16 established by Rose Acre's that we set every  |
| 17 types of customers?                          | 17 Thursday to sell Rose Acre branded eggs off   |
| 18 A. From no well, are we talking              | 18 of.   |
| 19 about the customers that we just mentioned?  | 19 Q. That continued throughout the              |
| 20 Q. Yes.                                      | 20 period 1999-2008?                             |
| 21 A. From no contract to five years.           | 21 A. Yes, it did.                               |
| 22 Q. Which ones were no contract?              | 22 Q. Did any of the major customers             |
| 23 A. Save-A-Lot, Aldi, Dutch Farms.            | 23 use the Rose Acre market                      |
| 24 Gets the ones that were no contract.         | 24 A. Yes.                                       |
| 25 Q. Which one which one or more               | 25 Q for pricing? Which ones?                    |

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| Page 30  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  2 A. Aldi, Save-A-Lot, Dutch Farms, 3 Certified. I believe that's all the ones 4 that I've mentioned so far.  5 Q. What was the business reason 6 for having a Rose Acre market rather than  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFID 2 it was it would have been entered not 3 necessarily every week into an Excel 4 spreadsheet and then we would do at the 5 end of the year we'd have an average that 6 showed weekly by different markets and have | Page 32<br>ENTIAL |
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| 4 that I've mentioned so far.  4 spreadsheet and then we would do at the  5 Q. What was the business reason  5 end of the year we'd have an average that  |                   |
| 5 Q. What was the business reason 5 end of the year we'd have an average that   |                   |
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| 7 relying on the Urner Barry quotations?  7 an average at the end of the year.  |                   |
| 8 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can 8 Q. Did you in setting the Rose   |                   |
| 9 answer. 9 Acre price, did you take into consideration   |                   |
| 10 THE WITNESS: It was a 10 the Urner Barry prices?   |                   |
| 11 long-standing market that Rose Acre's, 11 MR. MONICA: Objection.   |                   |
| 12 we had established back in the early 12 THE WITNESS: That would be   |                   |
| 13 '80s, and we would sold our Rose 13 we would look at the Urner Barry   |                   |
| 14 Acre branded eggs off the off our 14 market as part of our review process.   |                   |
| 15 Rose Acre market which we established 15 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  |                   |
| 16 based on our basically we 16 Q. What percentage of your eggs   |                   |
| 17 established based on our egg supply. 17 during that period do you believe you sold,  |                   |
| 18 BY MR. MALYSIAK: 18 do you estimate you sold on the Rose Acre  |                   |
| 19 Q. How would the egg supply affect 19 market?  |                   |
| 20 the Rose Acre market price? 20 A. I can't remember exactly.  |                   |
| 21 A. The our we'd establish 21 Q. Any ballpark?  |                   |
| 22 our market based on our supply of eggs. If 22 A. No, sir.  |                   |
| 23 we're short on eggs, our market can move, had 23 Q. You also mentioned all these   |                   |
| 24 the ability if we could move the market. We 24 various egg products other than the shelled   |                   |
| 25 only change once a week, on Thursdays, so 25 egg products, the shelled eggs. Who were  |                   |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |                   |
| 2 it's different than the Urner Barry market 2 your main customers during 1999 to 2008 for  |                   |
| 3 where it was a daily market. So we would 3 those products?  |                   |
| 4 review what our sales were and what our 4 A. For egg products?  |                   |
| 5 supply was to determine our market. 5 Q. Yes.   |                   |
| 6 Q. During that period, 1999-2008, 6 A. Kraft, Flowers, Dawn Foods,  |                   |
| 7 was the Rose Acre market price published? 7 Multifoods, M&M, Mars, Nestle. We sold some   |                   |
| 8 A. To our customers. 8 to General Mills, Kellogg's, ConAgra,  |                   |
| 9 Q. So it wasn't made public 9 Gilster-Mary Lee, McKee Baking, Krispy Kreme  |                   |
| 10 otherwise? 10 Doughnuts, Prime Foods, John Olysky, Rich  |                   |
| 11 A. No. 11 Products, Wabash Valley Produce, Michael   |                   |
| 12 Q. Did you analyze during that 12 Foods, Deb-El, Ohio Farmers. That's off the  |                   |
| 13 period on a frequent basis the relationship 13 top of my head right now. There's others.   |                   |
| 14 between the Rose Acre market price and Urner 14 Q. Was Kraft your biggest  |                   |
| 15 Barry prices? 15 purchaser of those?   |                   |
| 16 A. Yes, we did. 16 A. Yes.   |                   |
| MR. MONICA: Objection. Sorry, 17 Q. What percentage of your total   |                   |
| 18 you have to give me a chance to 18 sales of egg products other than shell eggs   |                   |
| 19 object, but go ahead and answer. 19 did you sell to Kraft over that period?  |                   |
| 20 THE WITNESS: We yes, we did. 20 A. It would have it could have   |                   |
| 21 BY MR. MALYSIAK: 21 varied over that period. I don't it would  |                   |
| 22 Q. And how did you do that? 22 have varied year to year, could have varied,  |                   |
| 23 A. With a report. 23 depending on how much dried we sold. Without  |                   |
| 24 Q. How often did you do that? 24 doing a lot of calculations, I just don't   |                   |
| 25 A. We did an annual summary, but 25 want to I don't know for sure.   |                   |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 Q. Any ballpark estimate?                      | 2 Q. How do you spell that?                     |
| 3 A. More than 20 around more                    | 3 A. F-E-M-E.                                   |
| 4 than 20 percent.                               | 4 Q. What is that type of product?              |
| 5 Q. Did Kraft also buy shelled eggs             | 5 A. It was a product for Kraft                 |
| 6 from you during that period?                   | 6 that's that we have special can we go         |
| 7 A. No, not that I can recall.                  | 7 into detail?                                  |
| 8 Q. What were the contract term                 | 8 Q. You don't have to go into a lot            |
| 9 durations for contracts with the customers     | 9 of detail. Just                               |
| 10 you've named for these egg products?          | 10 A. It was a proprietary product              |
| 11 A. Anywhere from spot sales to                | 11 for Kraft Foods.                             |
| 12 five years.                                   | 12 MR. MONICA: It's his client so               |
| 13 Q. Was Kraft again the five-year              | 13 I think it's okay to                         |
| 14 contract?                                     | 14 THE WITNESS: Well, I                         |
| 15 A. Yes.                                       | 15 MR. MONICA: I understand.                    |
| 16 Q. How was the price determined               | 16 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                             |
| 17 for these products during that period?        | 17 Q. It's a proprietary issue is               |
| 18 A. For  | 18 what you're saying?                          |
| 19 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can                | 19 A. Yes, sir.                                 |
| 20 answer.                                       | 20 MR. MONICA: I believe they have              |
| 21 THE WITNESS: For which                        | 21 a privacy agreement about the product        |
| 22 products, which customer?                     | and he's afraid of disclosing things.           |
| 23 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              | 23 MR. MALYSIAK: It wouldn't be so              |
| 24 Q. Did it vary by product?                    | 24 good for me to ask the question to           |
| 25 A. Yes, sir.                                  | 25 cause that breach.                           |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 Q. Did you have something                      | 2 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              |
| 3 equivalent to your Rose Acre market for these  | 3 Q. But all the other egg products             |
| 4 products?                                      | 4 during that period did have Urner Barry       |
| 5 A. No, we did not.                             | 5 quotes?                                       |
| 6 Q. Was there a source of price                 | 6 A. There were quotes for liquid,              |
| 7 information that you relied upon for these     | 7 frozen and dried products. And prices we      |
| 8 products during that period, like Urner        | 8 established using the Urner Barry, but if we  |
| 9 Barry?   | 9 did like, say, a bag in a box liquid, there's |
| 10 A. Yes, sir.                                  | 10 not necessarily a quote for bag in a box on  |
| 11 Q. What was that?                             | 11 the Urner Barry, so we would use the Urner   |
| 12 A. The Urner Barry.                           | 12 Barry tanker market and establish a cost     |
| 13 Q. Does Urner Barry have during               | 13 based on other costs associated with putting |
| 14 that period, did Urner Barry have quotations  | 14 it in a bag in a box from pasturization,     |
| 15 for all of these individual products?         | 15 possibly from packaging, can off labor and   |
| 16 A. No.  | 16 the cost of the packaging. So it would be    |
| 17 Q. For those that there was no                | 17 we'd ramp up a price but start with an Urner |
| 18 Urner Barry quotation, how did you determine  | 18 Barry, but Urner Barry didn't quote the      |
| 19 price with the customer?                      | 19 specific product.                            |
| 20 A. There was there was only one               | Q. What is bag in a box, just out               |
| 21 product and it was a proprietary product that | 21 of curiosity?                                |
| 22   | 22 A Tale (1' '1                                |
| 22 we produced.                                  | 22 A. It's where we put liquid egg              |
| 23 Q. What was that?                             | 23 and fill it in a plastic bag and put it in a |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 Q. Going back to shell eggs and   | 2 A. Yes.   |
| 3 price determination during the 1999-2008  | 3 Q. What were those circumstances  |
| 4 period, for those customers for which you   | 4 during that period when that could happen?  |
| 5 used Urner Barry, were there negotiations   | 5 A. Customers would contract price   |
| 6 about the price or was it just agreed that  | 6 so they would ask for a fixed price on a set  |
| 7 whatever the Urner Barry relevant quotation   | 7 number of pounds for a fixed period of time.  |
| 8 was would be the price?   | 8 It's pretty common, especially with dried   |
| 9 A. No, it would be a negotiation  | 9 eggs.   |
| 10 because Urner Barry on shell eggs is a   | 10 Q. What would would that be  |
| 11 benchmark.   | 11 the Urner Barry price that would be used?  |
| 12 Q. What do you mean by "benchmark"?  | 12 A. No, it would be just the fixed  |
| 13 A. It's a benchmark price. Urner   | 13 price.   |
| 14 Barry on the shell egg market, it's a  | 14 Q. Do you recall when Rose Acre  |
| 15 benchmark and then we sell at discount, we   | 15 Farms joined United Egg Producers?   |
| 16 would negotiate a discount to that benchmark.  | 16 A. Yes.  |
| 17 Q. What would the discount be  | 17 Q. When was that?  |
| 18 based upon?  | 18 A. It was sometime towards the end   |
| 19 A. Our negotiations with the   | 19 of 2002, early 2003, in that somewhere in  |
| 20 customer.  | 20 that time area, time frame.  |
| 21 Q. So it could vary from customer  | Q. Was there a reason why Rose  |
| 22 to customer?   | 22 Acre joined UEP at that time?  |
| 23 A. Yes, sir.   | 23 A. Yes.  |
| Q. What were the factors that   | Q. What was the reason?   |
| 25 would go into the size of the discount?  | 25 A. Because I had customers that  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 A. The specifications by the  | 2 UEP was working with the Scientific Committee   |
| 3 customer dictated quite a bit. If it was  | 3 to establish Animal Welfare Certified   |
| 4 USDA, what kind of egg carton, whether it was   | 4 guidelines and we had there was animal  |
| 5 a foam carton, a pulp carton, pulp carton   | 5 welfare groups that were, I'd say, going to   |
| 6 label, a clear carton. The case it was in,  | 6 customers and trying to get them to enact   |
| 7 if it was a Kraft case, meaning brown Kraft,  | 7 animal welfare standards. And so it became  |
| 8 or a white case, varied the cost. Those kind  | 8 clear to us that we were going to need to   |
| 9 of factors could would go into our  | 9 participate in the Animal Welfare guidelines  |
| 10 consideration as far as as some of the   | 10 for our customers that were going to require   |
| 11 factors that played into that.   | 11 it. And our decision was to join UEP and be  |
| 12 Q. For a customer during that  | 12 part of the Scientific Committee's UEP   |
| 13 period that had a discount, would that   | 13 Certified Guidelines and we can offer that to  |
| 14 discount stay constant throughout the period?  | 14 our customers.   |
| 15 A. Like I said before, it depends  | 15 Q. Did Rose Acre have any Animal   |
| 16 on if it was if there was a contract for a   | 16 Welfare Guidelines before joining UEP?   |
| 17 period of time that stated that it would stay  | 17 A. Yes, we've always had standards   |
| 18 constant or if it just changed over time   | 18 for a company, but never a defined program   |
|   |   |
| 19 based on renegotiation with the customer.  | 19 like the Scientific Committee put together.  |
| 20 Q. How about the egg products side   | 20 Q. Was a did you have a  |
| 20 Q. How about the egg products side 21 of it, again, was the Urner Barry quotation  | 20 Q. Was a did you have a 21 published set of guidelines at Rose Acre?   |
| 20 Q. How about the egg products side 21 of it, again, was the Urner Barry quotation 22 the price that was used?                      | <ul> <li>Q. Was a did you have a</li> <li>published set of guidelines at Rose Acre?</li> <li>A. I don't recall.</li> </ul>  |
| 20 Q. How about the egg products side 21 of it, again, was the Urner Barry quotation 22 the price that was used? 23 A. In some cases. | <ul> <li>Q. Was a did you have a</li> <li>published set of guidelines at Rose Acre?</li> <li>A. I don't recall.</li> <li>Q. For instance, did you have a</li> </ul> |
| 20 Q. How about the egg products side 21 of it, again, was the Urner Barry quotation 22 the price that was used?                      | 20 Q. Was a did you have a 21 published set of guidelines at Rose Acre? 22 A. I don't recall.   |

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| 2 requirement, but it wasn't my area of the           | 2 the one time. I remember being on the phone                               |
| 3 company.  | 3 one time.   |
| 4 Q. Who was in charge of that area?                  | 4 Q. Do you recall any of the issues  |
| 5 A. KY Hendrix.                                      | 5 that were discussed at any of the meetings of                             |
| 6 Q. Did you personally have any                      | 6 the Marketing Committee?  |
| 7 role at UEP after Rose Acre joined?                 | 7 A. I can remember talking about   |
| 8 A. Yes.   | 8 one time talking about grade yield size loss.                             |
| 9 Q. What were your involvements?                     | 9 Q. Can you explain what that was  |
| 10 A. I served on a committee, a                      | 10 about?   |
| 11 marketing committee on UEP for a few years.        | 11 A. It was grade yield size loss is                                       |
| 12 Q. You don't recall the years?                     | 12 what you have when you take nest run eggs and                            |
| 13 A. No, I don't.                                    | 13 convert that product to graded product.                                  |
|   |   |
| 14 Q. But was it during that period,<br>15 2002-2008? |   |
|   | 15 eggs are?  |
| 16 A. Yes, sir.                                       | A. Nest run eggs are ungraded,     unwashed eggs that come from an off-line |
| 17 Q. By "Marketing Committee," you                   | 18 chicken house, from a yeah.  |
| 18 mean marketing of what products?                   |   |
| 19 A. Well, it was eggs.                              | 19 Q. Off-line you mean? 20 MR. MONICA: One leads to                        |
| 20 Q. Shell eggs?                                     |   |
| 21 A. No, it would be all eggs, it                    | 21 another.   |
| 22 would be all eggs.                                 | THE WITNESS: Off-line is where  |
| Q. All egg products?                                  | 23 it would be a standard-alone, if you                                     |
| 24 A. It would be representing egg                    | will, a stand-alone chicken house   |
| 25 and egg products, correct.                         | 25 compared to an in-line which would be                                    |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL         | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                               |
| 2 Q. Did you have any leadership                      | 2 chicken houses that are connected   |
| 3 position on that committee?                         | 3 directly to a processing plant.   |
| 4 A. No, I did not. Not that I                        | 4 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  |
| 5 recall.   | 5 Q. And then graded, you mean USDA   |
| 6 Q. What was the as you                              | 6 graded?   |
| 7 understood it, what was the purpose of that         | 7 A. It could be.   |
| 8 committee?  | 8 Q. What are the other options?  |
| 9 A. It's been so long ago, I'd have                  | 9 A. Just graded, USDA, US AMS  |
| 10 to look at stuff and refresh myself on it.         | 10 USDA services is a voluntary program for egg                             |
| 11 Q. Do you recall how often the                     | 11 producers, not mandatory.  |
| 12 meetings of the Marketing Committee were?          | 12 Q. And what was the was there a  |
| 13 A. No, I don't. I don't remember                   | 13 problem that was perceived in this on the                                |
| 14 for sure.  | 14 committee?   |
| 15 Q. Do you recall attending the                     | 15 MR. MONICA: Objection.   |
| 16 meetings?  | 16 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   |
| 17 A. I can remember attending the                    | 17 Q. As you understood it.   |
| 18 meeting, yes, sir.                                 | 18 A. No, it was it was, well, a  |
| 19 Q. More than one?                                  | 19 problem. I don't know it didn't involve                                  |
| 20 A. I don't remember.                               | 20 us because Rose Acre's, we didn't have                                   |
| 21 Q. Do you recall whether the                       | 21 off-line contract farms. We only had in-line                             |
| 22 meeting or meetings were in person or on the       | 22 during that period. So it really wasn't                                  |
| 23 telephone?   | 23 something that concerned me.   |
| 24 A. I believe there was a                           | 24 Q. Did you have any other  |
| 25 they've had there was a call-in meeting            | 25 involvement at UEP other than the Marketing                              |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                             | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                 |
| 2 Committee?  | 2 Q. Was Rose Acre a member of UEA  |
| 3 A. There's a subbranch of UEP   | 3 right from the start of its membership with                                 |
| 4 called UEA. And I was a member of UEA. Rose                             | 4 UEP?  |
| 5 Acre's was a company member of UEA and I was                            | 5 A. I don't remember for sure.   |
| 6 a I was one of our representatives to UEA                               | 6 Q. You said you attended UEA  |
| 7 during that time.   | 7 meetings?   |
| 8 Q. You say it was a UEA, that's   | 8 A. Yes, sir.  |
| 9 United Eggs Association?  | 9 Q. How often were they?   |
| 10 A. Yes, sir.   | 10 A. Once or twice a year.   |
| 11 Q. Was a subbranch of UEP?   | 11 Q. These were in person?   |
| 12 MR. MONICA: Objection. Calls   | 12 A. Meetings I I attended   |
| 13 for a legal conclusion.  | 13 meetings in person, yes.   |
| 14 THE WITNESS: Well, I refer to  | 14 Q. Were there telephone meetings   |
| 15 it as that. It was UEA was and   | 15 as well for UEA?   |
| 16 I asked, I remember specifically                                       | 16 A. I don't remember.   |
| 17 asking about UEA and why UEA was just                                  | 17 Q. Did you have a leadership role  |
| 18 not a committee of UEP, because they                                   | 18 in UEA?  |
| 19 had committees. UEP had committees.                                    | 19 A. Yes, sir.   |
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| 21 was told that UEA could not be a                                       |   |
| 22 committee of UEP because there were                                    | 22 don't know if it was I can't remember if                                   |
| 23 members of UEA, it allowed companies                                   | 23 it was one year or two years. Whatever the                                 |
| 24 that didn't own birds to be a member,                                  | 24 terms was, it was either one or two.                                       |
| 25 so UEA had to be totally separate from                                 | 25 Q. Do you remember when that was?  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL 2 UEP. And it couldn't be a | GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL     A. No, I don't remember exact |
| 3 subcommittee because of that reason,                                    |   |
| 4 because since they didn't have  | 3 years. 4 MR. MALYSIAK: This is an   |
| 5 chickens, they weren't allowed to be                                    | 5 exhibit I wasn't intending to use   |
| 6 UEP members, but they could be UEA                                      | 6 initially so if you could just mark   |
|   | 7 this 32.  |
|   |   |
| 8 because I thought it was silly that I                                   | 8 0 (Eybibit Hinton 22, 7/5/06  |
| 9 was going to two different I had to                                     | 9 (Exhibit Hinton-32, 7/5/06<br>10 E-mail, Bates RA0012499 & RA0012500,       |
| 10 be in two different groups, but that                                   |   |
| 11 was the explanation that was given to                                  | 11 was marked for identification.)  |
| me. So I don't know how, I honestly                                       | 12<br>13 RV MD MAI VSIAK:   |
| don't personally know how that worked, but that's what I was told when I  | 13 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   |
|   | 14 Q. Mr. Hinton, you've been given   |
| 15 asked.   | 15 what's been marked Hinton Deposition                                       |
| 16 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   | 16 Exhibit 32, which is a two-page document with                              |
| 17 Q. Who did you ask?  | 17 the production number RA0012499 to 12500                                   |
| 18 A. I asked Howard Magwire.   | 18 which on its face appears to be an e-mail                                  |
| 19 Q. Who is Mr. Magwire?   | 19 from Howard Magwire on July 5, 2006, to a                                  |
| 20 A. He was a used to be in  | 20 number of individuals. Trying to see if your                               |
| 21 charge of AMS for USDA and then when he                                | 21 name is in the list there.   |
| 22 retired from the government, he went to work                           | 22 A. Yes, it is.   |
| 23 for UEP and he was a designated  | 23 Q. It is. Does this refresh your   |
| 24 representative for us at UEA for our                                   | 24 recollection as to when you became chairman                                |
| 25 meetings.  | 25 of UEA?  |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 A. Yes, it does.                               | 2 of egg products producers, would help you      |
| 3 Q. When was that?                              | 3 with government issues.                        |
| 4 A. According to this, it's July of             | 4 Q. Do you recall any other                     |
| 5 2006.  | 5 functions that UEA had during your time        |
| 6 Q. How long did you remain                     | 6 there?   |
| 7 chairman?                                      | 7 A. No. That was that's really,                 |
| 8 A. Like I said, I knew I                       | 8 my understanding, the main role of what they   |
| 9 thought it was a year I may you know,          | 9 did.   |
| 10 thinking about this and now I remember why I  | 10 Q. Why was Rose Acre why did                  |
| 11 became chairman. I believe I served the       | 11 Rose Acre become a member even though it      |
| 12 remainder of the resigning chairman's year    | 12 had you did own chickens?                     |
| 13 and then possibly one year then after that.   | 13 A. Because we also not only did               |
| 14 So I don't think I was on two years. So I     | 14 we own chickens, we did we were a large       |
| 15 don't recall exactly the time.                | 15 producer of egg products as well, and UEA was |
| 16 Q. Do you recall who succeeded                | 16 one that represented the egg product side.    |
| 17 you?  | 17 Q. Was it your understanding                  |
| 18 A. I don't remember for sure.                 | 18 one way or the other, was it your             |
| 19 Q. What was your understanding                | 19 understanding whether all UEP members were    |
| 20 during this period of your membership and     | 20 also UEA members or not?                      |
| 21 your chairmanship of UEA, what UEA's function | A. I'm sorry, could you repeat the               |
| 22 was?  | 22 question?                                     |
| 23 A. UEA worked was my sense,                   | 23 Q. Did you have an understanding              |
| 24 the function was to work with the government, | 24 whether all UEP members during that time were |
| 25 to work with at the time, I'm trying to       | 25 also UEA members or were some members not in  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 remember when it shifted, it used to be egg    | 2 UEA?   |
| 3 products fell under AMS and then it shifted    | 3 A. No, there were many UEP members             |
| 4 to FSIS. So if there was any if there was      | 4 that were not UEA members.                     |
| 5 issues with that a particular company          | 5 Q. Was that essentially those that             |
| 6 might have with an inspection process at       | 6 didn't have egg products?                      |
| 7 their plant, that they could go the UEA        | 7 MR. MONICA: Objection.                         |
| 8 would represent that producer and try to help  | 8 THE WITNESS: That's reasonable                 |
| 9 resolve issues with government inspectors      | 9 to say. I mean, most if you didn't             |
| 10 possibly or if a new if a company or          | 10 have egg products, I guess it's our           |
| 11 equipment manufacturers, a lot of them are    | own company's decision, I mean,                  |
| 12 from Europe, they would have a new egg        | because we had egg products, our                 |
| 13 breaking machine or a new pasteurizer or      | 13 decision was to join UEA, but I guess         |
| 14 new any kind of thing really involving the    | 14 I can't speak for somebody else, but I        |
| 15 process for egg products that they wanted to  | don't recall members that didn't have            |
| 16 sell to us, they always had to be approved,   | egg products off the top of my head.             |
| 17 they had to go through an approval process    | 17 I can't recall anybody that was.              |
| 18 with the government to get that product       | 18 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              |
| 19 approved and UEA would help facilitate that   | 19 Q. You said before that you spoke             |
| 20 for and so even to the extent that if I       | 20 to Mr. Magwire about why there had to be a    |
| 21 had personally worked direct with the company | 21 separate UEA from UEP. Did he mention the     |
| 22 and had a new process that we needed, they    | 22 Capper-Volstead Act in that connection?       |
| 23 would help kind of be like a UEA would        | 23 A. I don't recall specifically if             |
| 24 help be that kind I call it kind of           | 24 he mentioned that.                            |
| 25 liaison. They would they, on the behalf       | Q. Did he explain why it was                     |

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| 2 important to have UEA as separate from UEP?   | 2 Q. Who was involved for Rose Acre                    |
| 3 A. As I stated before, he told me   | 3 in those?  |
| 4 that it had to be separate because some   | 4 A. KY Hendrix.                                       |
| 5 members that didn't own birds could be a  | 5 Q. Are you familiar with the UEP                     |
| 6 member of UEA, is what he told me. That's   | 6 publication called United Voices?                    |
| 7 what I recall.  | 7 A. Yes, sir.   |
| 8 Q. Do you recall any of the   | 8 Q. During the period 2002-2008,                      |
| 9 members of UEA that didn't own any birds?   | 9 did you regularly receive that publication           |
| 10 A. Yes.  | 10 yourself?   |
| 11 Q. Which ones?   | 11 A. I believe so, yes.                               |
| 12 A. Deb-El Foods.   | 12 Q. How often did it come out?                       |
| 13 Q. Any others?   | 13 A. I know it's I think it's                         |
| 14 A. I believe Cargill, Sunny  | 14 weekly now. Back then I it could have               |
| 15 Cargill, their Sunny Fresh. Their  | 15 been weekly.  |
| 16 division is called Sunny Fresh is their  | 16 Q. Did you review each edition as                   |
| 17 division. Those are the two that I recall  | 17 it came out?  |
| 18 right off.   | 18 MR. MONICA: Objection.                              |
| Q. There might have been others?  | 19 THE WITNESS: I don't                                |
| 20 A. There might have been, but  | 20 MR. MONICA: You can answer.                         |
| 21 those are the two that I recall.   | 21 THE WITNESS: I can't I don't                        |
| 22 Q. Do you recall there being a   | 22 remember from back that far.                        |
| 23 Further Processor Committee at either UEA or   | 23 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    |
| 24 UEP?   | 24 Q. Did you regularly review it?                     |
| 25 MR. MONICA: Objection.   | 25 MR. MONICA: Objection.                              |
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| 2 Compound.   | 2 THE WITNESS: I would regularly                       |
| 3 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.  | 3 read it, yes.  |
| 4 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  | 4 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                     |
| 5 Q. Did you have any involvement in  | 5 Q. During that period, 2002-2008,                    |
| 6 the shell well, strike that, in a Price   | 6 do you recall ever discussing anything in the        |
| 7 Discovery Committee at UEP?   | 7 United Voices with anyone else at Rose Acre?         |
| 8 A. The Marketing Committee I  | 8 MR. MONICA: Objection. Vague.                        |
| 9 mentioned, the official name was Marketing  | 9 Overbroad.   |
| 10 and Price Discovery.   | 10 THE WITNESS: I don't remember                       |
| 11 Q. So that was one and the same  | any specific discussions, no.                          |
| 12 committee?   | 12 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    |
| 13 A. Yes.  | 13 Q. Are you familiar with the                        |
| 14 Q. Did you have any involvement in   | 14 organization called U.S. Export Marketers, or       |
| 15 the UEP Certified Program at UEP?  | 15 USEM?   |
| 16 A. No, sir.  | 16 A. Yes, sir.  |
| 17 Q. Did anybody from Rose Acre?   | 17 Q. Was Rose Acre a member of USEM                   |
| 18 A. Yes.  | 18 at any point?                                       |
| 19 Q. Who did?  | 19 A. Yes.   |
| 20 A. KY Hendrix.   | 20 Q. Do you recall when Rose Acre                     |
| 21 Q. Were you ever involved during   | 21 became a member of USEM?                            |
|   |  |
| 22 that period, 2002-2008, in any audits by UEP   | 22 A. I believe it was early 2007.                     |
| 22 that period, 2002-2008, in any audits by UEP 23 of Rose Acre's compliance with the Certified | 23 Q. Why did Rose Acre become a                       |
| 22 that period, 2002-2008, in any audits by UEP   | -  |

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| 2 from my recollection, was to help remove   | 2 and visiting our customers that we were  |
| 3 surplus shell eggs that we could give us a   | 3 selling egg products to in Japan. And then   |
| 4 better option to move our surplus eggs and   | 4 shell eggs, it was I can't say exactly how   |
| 5 then also to help out if other countries had   | 5 frequent it was at that time. I just   |
| 6 any, you know, disasters, we would help them   | 6 remember I remember doing it, but  |
| 7 out.   | 7 Q. Would there at least be one   |
| 8 Q. When you refer to surplus eggs,   | 8 every year, for instance?  |
| 9 what do you mean?  | 9 A. Oh, well, it was not just once.   |
| 10 A. Eggs that are that wasn't  | 10 I mean, it was just a practice that we did.   |
| 11 going to get moved to our regular customer  | 11 We had regular export customers.  |
| 12 channels and that gave us another option for  | 2 Q. So you would be selling to the  |
| 13 those eggs versus possibly the other option   | 13 same customers virtually each year?   |
| 14 of breaking and drying and not having an  | 14 A. Every week.  |
| 15 unknown price we may get for them, so we  | 15 Q. And so you would have you  |
| 16 looked at it as maybe a better solution to  | 16 could have weekly exports?  |
| 17 move surplus egg that we had.   | 17 A. Yes, sir.  |
| 18 Q. Had you engaged in any exports   | 18 Q. And who are your customers for   |
| 19 of eggs or egg products prior to joining  | 19 these exports?  |
| 20 USEM?   | 20 A. Back on the shell eggs, Jurgen   |
| 21 A. Yes.   | 21 Fuchs from Germany. And then I remember   |
| 22 Q. When did you begin exporting   | 22 him off the top of my head for shell eggs.  |
| 23 eggs, if you can recall?  | 23 And then we had Hidden Villa Ranch during   |
| 24 A. In the '90s probably. I'm  | 24 that time exported pretty much every week   |
| 25 not no, we exported in the '80s as well.  | 25 for years we exported eggs to Hong Kong. And  |
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| 2 profitable to Rose Acre?                                       | 2 period again, 1999-2008, was there any   |
| 3 A. I can't specifically I hope,                                | 3 planning process you went through on sort of   |
| 4 but without looking at specific at times                       | 4 a periodical basis that determined how many  |
|  |  |
| 5 they were, yes. And then times, I mean, we                     | 5 eggs you would need to sell?   |
| 6 lose money selling eggs.  7 Q. Given that you had this regular | 6 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can   |
|  | 7 answer. 8 THE WITNESS: Rose Acre, ever   |
| 8 practice of exporting eggs from the 1980s,                     |  |
| 9 why did you join USEM to do so?                                | 9 since I started at Rose Acre in 1980,  |
| 10 A. Like I say, I believe I stated                             | 10 I've never known a year in time or any  |
| 11 why I joined USEM already.                                    | 11 period at any time where I've worked  |
| 12 Q. Did USEM bring something                                   | 12 at Rose Acre that we weren't building   |
| 13 additional to your business that you didn't                   | 13 chicken houses or remodeling and  |
| 14 have on your own?   | 14 adding chickens. So planning, I   |
| 15 A. They had other there was                                   | plan my plan was to sell the eggs  |
| 16 other markets that they sold that I wasn't                    | that we produced.  |
| 17 selling to.   | 17 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  |
| 18 Q. Do you recall how many exports                             | 18 Q. Were there occasions when you  |
| 19 you made through the USEM by the end of 2008?                 | 19 had what you've called before surplus eggs?   |
| 20 A. No, I don't.   | 20 A. Yes, sir.  |
| 21 Q. Were the eggs that you exported                            | 21 Q. And did you have surplus eggs  |
| 22 through USEM eggs that Rose Acre produced                     | 22 at any point during the period 1999-2008?   |
| 23 itself?   | 23 A. Yes.   |
| 24 A. In 2008?   | 24 Q. What percentage of your egg  |
| 25 Q. 2007, 2008.  | 25 production at Rose Acre during that period  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  |
| 2 A. I believe so, yes.  | 2 would you have considered surplus eggs?  |
| 3 Q. Do you recall what the domestic                             | 3 A. I can't say for sure.   |
| 4 price versus the international price was for                   | 4 Q. Any ballpark estimate?  |
| 5 those exports?   | 5 A. No, sir. I can tell you what  |
| 6 A. No, I don't.  | 6 times of the year there are more surplus than  |
| 7 Q. Do you ever recall whether Rose                             | 7 others.  |
| 8 Acre sold at an export price that was lower                    | 8 Q. When is that?   |
| 9 than the current domestic price?                               | 9 A. After Easter from because   |
| 10 MR. MONICA: Objection.  | 10 the demand for eggs, demand for eggs drops  |
| 11 THE WITNESS: I don't remember.                                | 11 off, for shell eggs especially, after Easter  |
| 12 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  | 12 until about the 4th of July every year.   |
| 13 Q. Just so I'm clear on it, did                               | 13 Q. Do you have an understanding   |
| 14 your exports from 1980 on involve both shell                  | 14 why that is?  |
| 15 eggs and egg products or just one of those?                   | 15 A. Some of it is at the end of the  |
| 16 A. From 1980 on?  | 16 school, when schools get out in May. I mean   |
| 17 Q. Yes.   | 17 you get it depends when Easter falls.   |
| 18 A. Both.  | 18 After school is out, business always drops  |
| 19 Q. Both. During that period                                   | 19 out, and I think it's because kids sleep in,  |
| 20 during the period 1999 to 2008, how did Rose                  | 20 parents don't get them up for breakfast.  |
| 21 Acre determine how many eggs it would need                    | 21 They lay around, watch TV. They just don't  |
| 22 for its sales during a particular year?                       | 22 eat as much is my thought. And pretty much  |
| 23 A. We I never know how many                                   | 23 most people thought in the egg business is  |
| 24 eggs I need for sales for a particular year.                  |  |
|  | 1 24 that has something to do with it. Then you  |
| 25 Q. Is there any, during that                                  | 24 that has something to do with it. Then you 25 get close to 4th of July and there's picnics, |

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| Page 66  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL | Page 68 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                              |
| 2 there's things, sell more deviled eggs, egg          |  |
| 3 salads, things like that help pick up the            | 2 A. We had the option, if you could 3 offer discounts to existing customers would |
| 4 demand, but it seems after Easter every year,        | 4 be one of the avenues to try to encourage  |
| 5 it's just clockwork, you can set your watch          | 5 more egg sales. And sell them on the open  |
| 6 by it. Now, some of the egg products                 | 6 market, basically pack them up and sell them                                     |
| 7 customers, picks up because they're making,          | 7 on the open market at whatever price you   |
| 8 for example, your client, their demand               | 8 could get for the eggs. And our other option                                     |
| 9 Q. Kraft?  | 9 which we had that some producers didn't have                                     |
| 10 A. Yes. Their demand is Kraft                       | 10 is because we had three breaking plants, we                                     |
| 11 would demand would peak during that period          | 11 had the option that we could break it, break                                    |
| 12 because they were gearing up for the summer         | 12 the surplus eggs and dry the eggs, because we                                   |
| 13 for the salad for, you know, the type of            | 13 had egg dryers, and then just set on the  |
| 14 products that would use their products. And         | 14 inventory and sell at a later time.   |
| 15 so theirs would peak when some of the shell         | 15 Q. How long can you keep, say,  |
| 16 eggs are backed off. So just but shell              | 16 dried eggs without selling them?  |
| 17 eggs have always backed off. It's very              | 17 A. White product, two years,  |
| 18 consistent.   | 18 approximately two years on egg whites and a                                     |
| 19 Q. So during 1999-2008, if you had                  | 19 year on yellow product. Oh, and our other                                       |
| 20 surplus eggs let me strike that.                    | 20 options are I'm sorry, was to break it and                                      |
| 21 How would you determine whether                     | 21 freeze it and then we would store the frozen,                                   |
| 22 you had surplus eggs at any point?                  | 22 same thing, about a year. Frozen.   |
| 23 A. When the customers' orders                       | 23 Q. Now, you say one option was to   |
| 24 didn't I guess when the coolers were                | 24 offer your current customers lower prices to                                    |
| 25 backing up.   | 25 try to get them into buying more of these                                       |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL          | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                      |
| 2 Q. So you were running out of                        | 2 surplus eggs?  |
| 3 space in the coolers and you had to do               | 3 MR. MONICA: Objection.   |
| 4 something with those eggs because you had no         | 4 THE WITNESS: We would offer  |
| 5 room?  | 5 eggs at a discount to our existing   |
| 6 A. Sell them or smell them is                        | 6 customers, correct.  |
| 7 our term is in industry, for Rose Acre's. I          | 7 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   |
| 8 think my founder started that, but I don't           | 8 Q. Would those include these major   |
| 9 know. I guess I can't claim it.                      | 9 customers that you named such as Save-A-Lot                                      |
| 10 Q. I've done a lot of work in the                   | 10 and Wal-Mart?   |
| 11 cattle industry and there's some claim to it        | 11 MR. MONICA: Objection. It   |
| 12 there.  | would involve some regular customers.  |
| 13 A. Is there?  | We would offer to, like I said, our  |
| 14 Q. So you didn't want to smell it,                  | 14 customers that were regular customers.  |
| 15 so what did you do with it?                         | 15 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  |
| 16 MR. MONICA: Objection as to                         | 16 Q. Do you remember any specific   |
| 17 time.   | 17 instances when you did that?  |
| 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah.                                  | 18 A. Not specific. Not in that time   |
| 19 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    | 19 frame, no.  |
| 20 Q. Any time, 1999-2008.                             | 20 Q. You referred to open market  |
| 21 A. Well, it varied. I mean,                         | 21 sales. What do you mean by "open market   |
| 22 there's various things you we just had to           | 22 sales"?   |
| 23 deal with it. There was several different           | 23 A. We would put you could we  |
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| 24 ways that could happen.                             | 24 would put eggs on ECI, list eggs for sale on                                    |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 call them egg traders in the industry that     | 2 president of sales for Rose Acre, were you     |
| 3 market they're in the business of selling      | 3 involved at all in decisions whether to        |
| 4 longs and shorts, producers looking for        | 4 acquire production facilities?                 |
| 5 product and producers that may have surplus    | 5 A. No.   |
| 6 product to sell.                               | 6 Q. How about whether to build                  |
| 7 Q. What is ECI?                                | 7 production facilities, new ones?               |
| 8 A. Egg Clearinghouse.                          | 8 A. No.   |
| 9 Q. What does it do?                            | 9 Q. And how about whether to                    |
| 10 A. They it's a it's a blind                   | 10 remodel production facilities?                |
| 11 trading forum where eggs bids and offers      | 11 A. No.  |
| 12 are posted on a daily basis. And if you're    | 12 Q. Who was involved in those types            |
| 13 looking to buy eggs, you can go on that Board | 13 of decisions?                                 |
| 14 and look at the offers to sell. And if you    | 14 A. Marcus Rust.                               |
| 15 have surplus eggs that you want to sell, you  | 15 Q. After Rose Acre joined UEP in              |
| 16 can post them for sale. So it's a trading     | 16 late 2002, did Rose Acre shortly thereafter   |
| 17 forum for eggs.                               | 17 participate in the Certified Animal Welfare   |
| 18 Q. How is transport determined if             | 18 Program?                                      |
| 19 someone buys on ECI?                          | 19 A. Yes, we participate in the                 |
| 20 A. It could either be a pick up or            | 20 Certified Animal Welfare Program.             |
| 21 a delivery.                                   | 21 Q. As a result of your                        |
| 22 Q. Have you ever has Rose Acre                | 22 participation, did you have to modify any of  |
| 23 ever strike that.                             | 23 your existing production facilities?          |
| 24 During 1999 to 2008, did Rose                 | A. What do you mean by "modify"?                 |
| 25 Acre use the futures markets for sales of its | 25 Q. Change. Change the types of                |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 eggs or egg products?                          | 2 cases, cages you had so that you could comply  |
| 3 MR. MONICA: Objection as to                    | 3 with the various cage space requirements?      |
| 4 form.  | 4 A. It wouldn't be my area and I                |
| 5 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of                  | 5 don't have knowledge that we had to modify     |
| 6 any futures market for eggs.                   | 6 cages, but it wouldn't be something I would    |
| 7 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                               | 7 have dealt with.                               |
| 8 Q. So there's no futures market                | 8 Q. Do you have any understanding               |
| 9 such as the Chicago Board of Trade or Chicago  | 9 of how Rose Acre, after 2002, complied with    |
| 10 Mercantile Exchange for egg products?         | 10 the requirements of increasing cage space per |
| 11 A. Not that I'm familiar with, no.            | 11 hen under the Certified Program?              |
| 12 Q. During that period 1999-2008,              | 12 A. I wouldn't I didn't                        |
| 13 did you have a surplus that resulted a        | 13 specifically deal with it, but I am familiar  |
| 14 surplus of eggs that just resulted in you     | 14 that the guidelines had square inch           |
| 15 destroying the products?                      | 15 requirements that got phased in               |
| 16 MR. MONICA: Objection. No,                    | 16 over somewhere I don't know, there was        |
| 17 I've never known the stuff to throw,          | 17 five to eight years, there was a period of    |
| as we would refer, to throw the eggs             | 18 time there was a phase-in requirement that    |
| 19 in the river, no.                             | 19 was required, I'm familiar with that.         |
| 20 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              | 20 Q. Do you recall how Rose Acre                |
| 21 Q. Do you know of any producers               | 21 went about complying with that?               |
| 22 during that period who were doing that?       | 22 A. No, that wasn't my area.                   |
| 23 A. I can't. I have no idea what               | 23 Q. During that period after 2002              |
| 24 other producers did.                          | 24 to 2008 when the cage space requirements of   |
| 25 Q. Over your years as vice                    | 25 the Certified Program were being phased in,   |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                       | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 did you see any impact on Rose Acre's supply                      | 2 our company, there's always birds that      |
| 3 of eggs?  | 3 are going to be sold out, new birds         |
| 4 A. No. As I stated before, ever                                   | 4 coming in. So it's a constant change.       |
| 5 since I worked at Rose Acre's, we've always                       | 5 MR. MONICA: Counsel, I'm sorry,             |
| 6 added chicken houses. So I don't recall us                        | 6 I keep objecting because that's             |
| 7 ever having a drop in our supply of eggs.                         | 7 your questions aren't clear as to           |
| 8 All I've had is increase in supply to sell.                       | 8 whether to me, whether they're Rose         |
| 9 Q. Did you as vice president of                                   | 9 Acre supply or industry supply.             |
| 10 sales during that period 2002-2008, did you                      | 10 MR. MALYSIAK: These were all               |
| 11 ever did you receive regularly any                               | 11 Rose Acre.                                 |
| 12 information from others in the company as to                     | 12 MR. MONICA: I thought they                 |
| 13 how what the egg supply was at that                              | 13 were, but                                  |
| 14 current time?  | 14 THE WITNESS: I was only                    |
| 15 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can                                   | 15 speaking for Rose Acre, too.               |
| 16 answer.  | 16 MR. MALYSIAK: Good point.                  |
| 17 THE WITNESS: No. I knew on                                       | 17 Thank you.                                 |
| 18 a I knew on a daily basis how many                               | 18 MR. MONICA: I thought that was             |
| 19 eggs I had to sell.  | 19 the case, but I would think you            |
| 20 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   | 20 MR. MALYSIAK: Just to make                 |
| Q. And how did you know that?                                       | 21 sure. It's always good to have a           |
| 22 A. They were in my coolers every                                 | 22 clear record.                              |
| 23 morning.   | 23 MR. MONICA: Thank you.                     |
| Q. You got a report how many there                                  | 24 MR. MALYSIAK: This is a good               |
| 25 were?  | 25 time for a break.                          |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                       | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 A. There's reports, within the                                    | 2 VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end               |
| 3 company there are reports that are generated                      | 3 of tape one in the videotape                |
| 4 every day on eggs produced at every farm, but                     | 4 deposition of Greg Hinton. We're off        |
| 5 so there is a report, yes, I used.                                | 5 the record at 10:32.                        |
| 6 Q. Go ahead.  | 6   |
| 7 A. I used to do the report. The                                   | 7 (A recess was taken.)                       |
| 8 cooler managers does that. So when I was                          | 8   |
| 9 cooler manager, as I stated back in the '80s                      | 9 VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins tape              |
| 10 when I was running the coolers, I generated                      | two in the videotape deposition of            |
| 11 that report, so I'm familiar with the report.                    | 11 Greg Hinton. We are back on the            |
| 12 Q. How would you count the eggs?                                 | 12 record at 10:54.                           |
| 13 A. By hand. You go out and count                                 | 13 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                           |
| 14 every case and you'd write them down in your                     | 14 Q. Mr. Hinton, during your                 |
| 15 report. Physically count every day. Used to                      | 15 testimony today you referred to an         |
| 16 do it twice a day.   | 16 organization called FSIS.                  |
| 17 Q. Do you recall whether you                                     | 17 A. Yes.                                    |
| 18 received in that period 2002-2008 any reports                    | 18 Q. What is that?                           |
| 19 for longer periods as to how much the egg                        | 19 A. Food Safety Inspection Service.         |
| 20 supply was?  | 20 Q. Is that a governmental agency?          |
| 21 MR. MONICA: Objection.   | 21 A. Yes, it is.                             |
|   |   |
| 22 THE WITNESS: No, because like I                                  | 22 Q. Part of the USDA?                       |
| THE WITNESS: No, because like I said, we were always building so it |   |
|   | 22 Q. Part of the USDA?                       |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                       | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 A. Well, food safety for different                                | 2 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-2, 6/27/02                |
| 3 products. For us it obviously involves egg                        | 3 Shell Egg Price Discovery Committee           |
| 4 products, but they also have jurisdiction                         | 4 Meeting, Chicago, Illinois Minutes,           |
| 5 over, I believe, meat and poultry, and I'm                        | 5 Bates CM00181854, was marked for              |
| 6 not sure what else.   | 6 identification.)                              |
| 7   | 7   |
| 8 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-1, 6/3/02                                     | 8 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              |
| 9 United Voices, Bates DAY0028331 -                                 | 9 Q. I'd like you to look at what               |
| 10 DAY0028334, was marked for                                       | 10 has been marked as Hinton Deposition         |
| 11 identification.)   | 11 Exhibit 2. Hinton Deposition Exhibit 2 is a  |
| 12  | 12 one-page document, production number         |
| 13 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   | 13 CM00181854, and its heading is "Shell Egg    |
| 14 Q. Exhibit that I've marked as                                   | 14 Price Discovery Committee Meeting June 27,   |
| 15 Hinton Exhibit 1.  | 15 2002 Chicago, Illinois."                     |
| MS. ANDERSON: Are the exhibits                                      | 16 MR. MONICA: Can we turn it over              |
| going to be marked, Counsel, as DAP or                              | 17 for one second. It says, "HIGHLY             |
| marked separate from the others,                                    | 18 CONFIDENTIAL," I just want to                |
| 19 Counsel, or should we just refer to                              | 19 MS. ANDERSON: His name is on                 |
| 20 this as Hinton-1?  | 20 it.  |
| 21 MR. MALYSIAK: I would just                                       | 21 MR. MONICA: Is his name on it?               |
| refer to it as Hinton-1.  | 22 Never mind.                                  |
| 23 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   | 23 MS. ANDERSON: Probably just                  |
| Q. Mr. Hinton, Exhibit 1 is a                                       | 24 establish that for the record since          |
| 25 two-page four-page document that on its                          | 25 counsel is on the phone.                     |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                       | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 face is United Voices, June 3, 2002,                              | 2 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              |
| 3 production number DAY0028331 through 334.                         | 3 Q. Mr. Hinton, this is a                      |
| 4 And I just want to direct you to the third                        | 4 minutes appears to be minutes of a meeting    |
| 5 page, 333 at the bottom. It says, "UEA                            | 5 of the Shell Egg Price Discovery Committee    |
| 6 FURTHER PROCESSORS FORM AN ANIMAL WELFARE                         | 6 meeting on June 27, 2002, and it shows you as |
| 7 COMMITTEE.  | 7 being present. Do you recall being at this    |
| 8 "UEA Further Processor  | 8 meeting?                                      |
| 9 Chairman, Elliot Gibber has appointed a                           | 9 A. I don't recall the particular              |
| 10 committee for the purpose of developing                          | 10 meeting, no. I remember going to Chicago for |
| 11 discussion points and coordination of Animal                     | 11 a meeting one time, though, I remember that. |
| 12 Husbandry Guidelines with UEP. The committee                     | 12 Q. This Shell Egg Price Discovery            |
| 13 consisting of Larry Seger, Paul Osborne,                         | 13 Committee, was that, based on your earlier   |
| 14 Arthur Papetti, Mike Luker, David Crockett,                      | 14 testimony, was that the same thing as the    |
| 15 Blair Van Zetten, Greg Hinton and Bob Krouse                     | 15 Marketing Committee that you were a member   |
| 16 will conduct their first meeting in Chicago                      | 16 of?  |
| 17 on May 29," which would have been I'm not                        | 17 A. That's how I remember it, yes.            |
| 18 sure if it means 2002. It appears to.                            | 18 Q. Can you identify the other                |
| 19 Do you recall being part of                                      | 19 people that were present at the meeting by   |
| 20 such a UEA Animal Welfare Committee?                             | 20 their by the person they work for, the       |
| 21 A. No, I don't.  | 21 company they work for?                       |
| Q. So you have no memory of this                                    | 22 A. I can try, yes. Do you want me            |
|   | 23 to   |
| 23 at all?  | 25 10   |
| <ul><li>23 at all?</li><li>24 A. I don't remember it, no.</li></ul> | 24 Q. Go ahead, if you could. Dolph             |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 A. Dolph is with Cal-Maine Foods.             | 2 reported that the purpose of the meeting was  |
| 3 Just go in order?                             | 3 to develop recommendations for Urner Barry    |
| 4 Q. Go through, sure.                          | 4 that could improve the price discovery system |
| 5 A. Jim Dean, he had his farm is               | 5 regardless of the supply demand conditions."  |
| 6 in Iowa. 2002. It wasn't called Dean. It      | 6 Do you recall a meeting that                  |
| 7 was I know he owned I can't think off         | 7 addressed that issue that you attended?       |
| 8 the top of my head, but his farm was in Iowa, | 8 A. I don't remember that specific             |
| 9 I know that.                                  | 9 issue, no.                                    |
| 10 Roger Deffner was with National              | 10 Q. Several paragraphs down,                  |
| 11 Egg in, I believe, Washington.               | 11 there's a paragraph that says, "Osborne      |
| 12 Butch DeVries, Butch I'm                     | 12 recommended that Urner Barry quote a Graded  |
| 13 trying to think if it was in Butch at one    | 13 Loose quote but not be used as a component   |
| 14 time I know worked for Mike it would have    | 14 for establishing a carton large quote.       |
| 15 been Waldbaum, I believe, at the time,       | 15 Osborne further recommended that Urner Barry |
| 16 Waldbaum Foods, I believe.                   | 16 use only trading of nest run and trading of  |
| Joe Fortin, he worked for, in                   | 17 carton eggs for establishing a large quote.  |
| 18 2002, I think it would have been called Red  | 18 Neither recommendation was acted upon."      |
| 19 Bird Egg, I believe.                         | Do you recall any discussion in                 |
| 20 Larry Seger, he walked for                   | 20 a meeting you attended on that issue?        |
| 21 Wabash Valley Produce.                       | 21 A. No, I don't remember it.                  |
| 22 John Hammond, the name I                     | 22 Q. The next paragraph says, "The             |
| 23 don't remember who John worked for.          | 23 remainder of the meeting focused upon the    |
| 24 Paul Osborne worked for Moark.               | 24 need for Urner Barry to use the correct      |
| 25 Tim Weaver worked for Weaver                 | 25 conversion costs for plant grade loose large |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 Egg.  | 2 eggs."  |
| 3 Myself for Rose Acre's.                       | 3 Do you remember being in a                    |
| 4 Chuck Elste would have been                   | 4 meeting of this committee that discussed that |
| 5 he worked for a co-op out in California. I    | 5 issue?  |
| 6 believe it was I'm not sure if he had         | 6 A. I don't remember the exact                 |
| 7 multiple companies, but I remember I think    | 7 discussion, no.                               |
| 8 NuCal was one of them.                        | 8 Q. Do you recall what the issue               |
| 9 Jerry Grove, Jerry didn't he                  | 9 was that this was addressing?                 |
| 10 was a worked for with Agri Stats.            | 10 A. As I testified earlier, I did             |
| 11 Glenn Carter, I don't                        | 11 state that I remember something to do with   |
| 12 particularly remember Glenn.                 | 12 plant grade size loss, and that could have   |
| And Gene Gregory was with UEP.                  | 13 been part of the centered around that.       |
| 14 Q. What was Agri Stats, what kind            | 14 Q. What's your understanding of              |
| 15 of organization is that?                     | 15 what the term "conversion costs" means in    |
| 16 A. Agri Stats is a market                    | 16 this context?                                |
| 17 reporting service.                           | 17 A. I don't know for sure.                    |
| 18 Q. Does it have any connection to            | 18 Q. The document then says,                   |
| 19 Urner Barry?                                 | 19 "MOTION: It was moved by Deffner and         |
| 20 A. No, sir. Not that I'm aware               | 20 seconded by Fortin to recommend to Urner     |
| 21 of, no.                                      | 21 Barry that a range of 28 - 52 cents,         |
| 22 Q. It is not an egg producer?                | 22 regardless of material, be used for a steady |
| 23 A. No, it's not.                             | 23 market evaluation of plant grade loose       |
| 24 Q. The next paragraph after the              | 24 values."                                     |
| 25 names of those who were present says, "Baker | 25 Do you remember voting on such               |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                               |
| 2 a motion?  | 2 producers, that a member of UEP's Marketing                               |
| 3 A. I don't remember, no. That  | 3 Committee and Rick Brown should be held this                              |
| 4 exactly, no.   | 4 fall to finalize any decision."   |
| 5 Q. Do you remember anything about  | 5 Do you recall any discussion at   |
| 6 that motion?   | 6 UEP about having a separate egg market quote                              |
| 7 A. No, I don't.  | 7 for eggs produced by animal husbandry                                     |
| 8  | 8 certified companies?  |
| 9 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-3, 7/12/02   | 9 A. I don't remember a specific  |
| 10 Letter with attached meeting notes,   | 10 discussion, no.  |
| 11 Bates CM00416046 - CM00416049, was  | 11 Q. Do you recall any discussion  |
| marked for identification.)  | 12 that you had at UEP with anyone about this                               |
| 13   | 13 issue?   |
| 14 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  | 14 A. No. I don't remember any  |
| 15 Q. I'd like you to look at what's   | 15 specific discussion, no.   |
| 16 been marked as Hinton Deposition Exhibit 3.                                   | 16 Q. How about generally, do you   |
| 17 A. Do you want to get them first?   | 17 recall discussing it?  |
| 18 MR. MONICA: This one is fine.   | 18 A. In general I remember Rick  |
| 19 Go ahead.   | 19 Brown, there was a discussion I remember                                 |
| 20 THE WITNESS: Before you hand  | 20 Rick Brown discussing the fact whether he was                            |
| 21 them to me so I just want to make sure  | 21 going to, quote, report different markets for                            |
| 22 in the process of coming this way   | 22 certified eggs. I remember that in general.                              |
| 23 MR. MONICA: Could we do that,   | 23 Q. Rick Brown was with Urner   |
| 24 Counsel? Could you hand them this   | 24 Barry?   |
| 25 way? He wants me to yeah, that  | 25 A. Yes, he was.  |
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| Page 87  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                           | Page 89  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                      |
| 2 makes sense.   | 2 Q. Did you have a position on   |
| 3 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   | 3 whether there should be a separate quote for                              |
| 4 Q. Hinton Deposition Exhibit 3 is  | 4 certified eggs?   |
| 5 a four-page document with production numbers                                   | 5 MR. MONICA: Objection as to   |
| 6 CM00416046 through 049. On its face it has a                                   | 6 time frame.   |
| 7 caption of "United Egg Producers," dated                                       | 7 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  |
| 8 July 12, 2002, to UEP's Shell Egg Price  | 8 Q. During this period 2002-2008.  |
| 9 Discovery Committee from Gene Gregory.   | 9 A. I don't remember the exact   |
| 10 On the second page, 047,  | 10 discussions, no.   |
| 11 there's a document that says, "Notes Of Price                                 | 11 Q. Any at all that you recall?   |
| 12 Discovery Meeting of July 10, 2002 With Rick                                  | 12 A. No, I don't remember.   |
| 13 Brown." It does not show you attending that                                   | 13 Q. During that period 2002-2008,   |
| 14 meeting, but you the first page shows that                                    | 14 did Urner Barry ever provide a price quote                               |
| 15 you received a copy of the notes from Mr.                                     | 15 for certified eggs?  |
| 16 Gregory. Do you recall receiving this   | 16 A. Yes.  |
| 17 document?   | 17 Q. When did that happen?   |
|  |   |
| <ul><li>18 A. No, I don't.</li><li>19 Q. On the last paragraph of page</li></ul> | A. I don't know when it happened.  19 They still do today.                  |
|  | 20  |
| 20 047, it says, "Before the meeting ended,                                      |   |
| 21 discussion was held on the advantages and                                     | 21 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-4, 10/9/02   |
| 22 disadvantages of a separate egg market quote                                  | 22 UEP Marketing Committee Meeting 23 Savannah, Georgia, Bates CM00274063 - |
| 23 for eggs produced by animal husbandry   |   |
| 24 certified companies. It was determined that                                   | 24 CM00274077, was marked for   |
| 25 in order to satisfy the interest of all                                       | 25 identification.)   |

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| Page 90 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL | Page 92  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2   | 2 Q. So it only your                                   |
| 3 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    | 3 understanding, it applies only to eggs you           |
| 4 Q. I'd like you to look at what's                   | 4 produce, they have to be 100 percent                 |
| 5 been marked Exhibit 4. Exhibit 4 is a               | 5 certified?   |
| 6 multipage document with production numbers          | 6 A. Yes, sir.   |
| 7 CM00274063 through 077. And its front page          | 7 Q. But you understand that you can                   |
| 8 says, "UEP Marketing Committee Meeting              | 8 buy non-certified eggs from elsewhere and            |
| 9 October 9, 2002 Savannah, Georgia."                 | 9 resell them?   |
| 10 The second page, Mr. Hinton,                       | 10 A. Yes, sir.  |
| 11 has an agenda for UEP Marketing Committee          | 11 Q. Did you discuss that with                        |
| 12 Meeting October 9, 2002 Savannah, Georgia          | 12 anybody at UEP?                                     |
| 13 showing you as a committee member. Do you          | 13 MR. MONICA: Objection.                              |
| 14 recall attending such a meeting in Savannah,       | 14 THE WITNESS: I didn't set the                       |
| 15 Georgia?   | 15 guidelines, no, sir.                                |
| 16 A. I remember being in Savannah,                   | 16 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    |
| 17 Georgia. I don't remember exactly the              | 17 Q. Did you discuss whether what                     |
| 18 meeting, but I was in Savannah, Georgia. I         | 18 you were doing in terms of non-certified eggs       |
| 19 remember that. Only time I've ever been            | 19 was complied with the program?                      |
| 20 there.   | 20 MR. MONICA: Objection.                              |
| 21 Q. On the agenda, item number 5                    | 21 THE WITNESS: Not that I can                         |
| 22 shows "Separate Quote For Certified Eggs,"         | 22 recall with UEP, no.                                |
| 23 "Talking Points - Dolph Baker," "Weaver Bros.      | 23 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    |
| 24 letter," and then on the right "Gene               | 24 Q. Do you recall discussing with                    |
| 25 Gregory."  | 25 anybody?  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL         | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL          |
| 2 If you turn to page 075,                            | 2 A. With people in my office.                         |
| 3 several pages in, which says,                       | 3 Q. With your staff?                                  |
| 4 "CERTIFIED/UNCERTIFIED MARKET TALKING               | 4 A. Yes.  |
| 5 POINTS." Number 5 of the talking points             | 5 Q. Number 6 on the talking points                    |
| 6 says, "Certified companies should only commit       | 6 says, "The market reporter has a difficult           |
| 7 to purchase eggs from certified companies."         | 7 time in determining our current daily carton         |
| 8 Do you recall any discussion at                     | 8 market, let alone two daily markets."                |
| 9 a meeting you attended on that issue?               | 9 Do you remember any discussion                       |
| 10 A. I don't remember that                           | 10 at a meeting you attended of that issue?            |
| 11 particular discussion, but that's not how the      | 11 A. No, I don't.                                     |
| 12 program works.                                     | 12   |
| 13 Q. How did the program work during                 | 13 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-5, Animal                       |
| 14 that period 2002-2008?                             | Welfare Report for 2003 Area Meetings,                 |
| 15 A. I had the ability, I can                        | 15 Bates CM00430620 - CM00430637, was                  |
| 16 purchase non-certified eggs and sell               | 16 marked for identification.)                         |
| 17 non-certified eggs along with my certified         | 17   |
| 18 production.  | 18 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    |
| 19 Q. Did you understand there was a                  | 19 Q. I'd like you to look at what's                   |
| 20 100 percent rule adopted for the guidelines?       | 20 been marked as Hinton Deposition Exhibit 5.         |
| 21 MR. MONICA: Objection.                             | 21 Hinton Deposition Exhibit 5 is a multipage          |
| 22 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. The 100                     | 22 document with production numbers CM00430620         |
| 23 percent rule pertains to all of my                 | 23 through 637. The first page says, "ANIMAL           |
| 24 production.  | 24 WELFARE REPORT FOR 2003 AREA MEETINGS."             |
| 25 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                   | 25 Mr. Hinton, I'm going to have                       |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                       | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL          |
| 2 you look at the second page, 621, which is                        | 2 A. Customers have asked me if we                     |
| 3 headed up "Animal Care Certified Companies                        | 3 complied with the UEP Certified Program.             |
| 4 Implementing UEP's Animal Husbandry                               | 4 Q. Anyone else that you recall?                      |
| 5 Guidelines." Bullet point five down says,                         | 5 A. Not that I recall.                                |
| 6 "An Animal Care Certified company must                            | 6 Q. What does the term GYSL mean in                   |
| 7 implement the guidelines on 100% of their                         | 7 the egg industry?                                    |
| 8 company facilities regardless of where or how                     | 8 A. Grade yield size loss.                            |
| 9 they may market eggs. The company may only                        | 9 O. What's that used for?                             |
| 10 market eggs as Animal Care Certified if                          | 10 A. For in the process step to                       |
| 11 produced by the Certified company or                             | 11 process of nest run eggs that I discussed           |
| 12 purchased from another Certified company.                        | 12 earlier.  |
| 13 Eggs from Certified and non-certified                            | 13   |
| 14 companies may not be co-mingled."                                | 14 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-7, Rick                         |
| 15 Is that your understanding of                                    | 15 Brown Urner Barry, Bates CM00412937 -               |
| 16 how 100 percent rule worked?                                     | 16 CM00412940, was marked for                          |
| 17 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can                                   | 17 identification.)                                    |
| 18 answer.  | 18   |
| 19 THE WITNESS: [Reviewing  | 19 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    |
| 20 document.] Yes.  | 20 Q. The next exhibit I'm going to                    |
| 21 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   | 21 use is Exhibit 7.                                   |
| 22 Q. The next several pages are                                    | 22 MS. ANDERSON: Are we skipping                       |
| 23 headed LIST OF ANIMAL CARE CERTIFIED                             | 23 6?  |
| 24 COMPANIES AND CONTACT PERSONS. If you look                       | 24 MR. MALYSIAK: Yes.                                  |
| 25 at the page that's 626 on the production                         | 25 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    |
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| Page 95 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL               | Page 97  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 number, you'll see that it lists Rose Acre                        | 2 Q. Exhibit 7 is a four-page                          |
| 3 Farms and you as the contact person. Did you                      | 3 document with production numbers CM00412937          |
| 4 understand you were the Rose Acre contact                         | 4 through 940. The first page has a heading            |
| 5 person for the Certified Program?                                 | 5 "Rick Brown Urner Barry."                            |
| 6 MR. MONICA: Objection.  | 6 Page 3, Mr. Hinton, has a                            |
| 7 THE WITNESS: No.  | 7 heading "UEP Price Discovery Committee               |
| 8 BY MR. MALYSIAK:  | 8 Meeting February 20, 2003 Chicago, Illinois."        |
| 9 Q. Were you ever contacted by                                     | 9 Shows you as being present. Do you recall            |
| 10 anyone about this Certified Program?                             | 10 being at such a meeting in February 2003?           |
| 11 MR. MONICA: Objection.   | 11 A. I don't remember the particular                  |
| 12 THE WITNESS: Contacted meaning                                   | 12 meeting. As I stated before, I remember             |
| 13 what?  | 13 being in Chicago for a meeting.                     |
| 14 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   | 14 Q. Down at the bottom there's a                     |
| 15 Q. Anybody call you up and ask you                               | 15 paragraph that has five numbered items under        |
| 16 anything about your Certified Program, your                      | 16 it. It says, "Looper," who is Mr. Looper?           |
| 17 compliance with the Certified Program?                           | 17 A. Ken Looper, he I don't know                      |
| 18 MR. MONICA: Objection.   | 18 his exact title. He may have been a vice            |
| 19 THE WITNESS: My  | 19 president, but he worked for Cal-Maine Foods.       |
| 20 BY MR. MALYSIAK:   | 20 Q. The paragraph says starts,                       |
| 21 Q. Rose Acre's compliance.                                       | 21 "Looper asked the committee the following           |
| 22 A compliance?  | 22 questions or made statements in regard to           |
|   |  |
| 23 O. Yes.  |  |
| 23 Q. Yes. 24 A. By "anyone," who do you mean?                      | 23 price discovery."                                   |
| 23 Q. Yes. 24 A. By "anyone," who do you mean? 25 Q. Really anyone. | 23 price discovery."                                   |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 region, and other regions are in balance, why  | 2 would receive a packet of information such as  |
| 3 are all regions put down the same amount?"     | 3 this? For instance, this includes egg market   |
| 4 Number 5, "The function of                     | 4 statistics.                                    |
| 5 price is to balance supply with demand. The    | 5 A. Well, could you repeat the                  |
| 6 surplus area; or, the area that is offering    | 6 question?                                      |
| 7 eggs need to be enough lower to encourage the  | 7 Q. Sure. For a meeting such as                 |
| 8 balanced areas to buy and low enough to        | 8 this one of the Shell Egg Marketing            |
| 9 encourage the surplus area to remove old hens  | 9 Committee, do you recall receiving as a        |
| 10 and/or molt."                                 | 10 matter of course a packet of information such |
| Do you recall any discussion of                  | 11 as this with an agenda and market statistics, |
| 12 that at such a meeting with Mr. Looper?       | 12 that type of thing?                           |
| 13 A. No, I don't.                               | 13 A. I don't recall receiving I                 |
| 14   | 14 don't remember receiving information before   |
| 15 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-11, UEP's                 | 15 meetings that I attended, no.                 |
| 16 Shell Egg Marketing Committee January         | 16 O. Would such information on a                |
| 17 26, 2004, Bates CM00413675 -                  | 17 regular basis be handed out at the meetings?  |
| 18 CM00413701, was marked for                    | 18 A. We were given information at               |
| 19 identification.)                              | 19 we would have been given information at       |
| 20   | 20 meetings, yes.                                |
| 21 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              | 21 Q. Written documents?                         |
| 22 Q. The next exhibit I'll use is               | 22 A. Yes.                                       |
| 23 Exhibit 11. Exhibit 11 is a multipage         | 23 Q. If you turn to page several                |
| 24 document with production numbers CM00413675   | 24 pages in, 3689, it's headed up "SUPPLY DEMAND |
| 25 through 3701. The first page has a heading,   | 25 COMMENTS 1-16-04 Submitted by: Ken Looper."   |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 "UEP's Shell Egg Marketing Committee           | 2 Move down to number 6 which says, "The demand  |
| 3 January 26, 2004," and shows committee         | 3 side had the support of 2 large exports by     |
| 4 members including Mr. Hinton.                  | 4 USEM. One export in November 2002 of 200,000   |
| 5 On the second page shows agenda                | 5 cases that were delivered in 4 weeks and       |
| 6 for UEP's Marketing Committee January 26,      | 6 another in March of 2003 of 240,000 cases      |
| 7 2004, Atlanta, Georgia.                        | 7 delivered over a 4 week period."               |
| 8 Mr. Hinton, do you remember                    | 8 Were you aware before Rose Acre                |
| 9 attending a meeting of the UEP Marketing       | 9 joined USEM, that USEM was making large        |
| 10 Committee in January 2004 in Atlanta?         | 10 exports of eggs?                              |
| 11 A. I don't remember this                      | 11 A. I was aware that USEM exported             |
| 12 particular meeting, no. I'm usually in        | 12 eggs, yes.                                    |
| 13 Atlanta that time of the year.                | 13 Q. Large volumes?                             |
| 14 Q. On business?                               | 14 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        |
| 15 A. There's a trade show every year            | 15 THE WITNESS: Well, I guess it                 |
| 16 the last week of January sponsored well,      | depends on what you term as "large               |
| 17 at that time it would have been called        | 17 volumes."                                     |
| 18 south I believe it was called                 | 18 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              |
| 19 southeastern, but I usually attend that trade | 19 Q. Would 200,000 cases be a large             |
| 20 show. I can't tell you I was exactly at the   | 20 volume?                                       |
| 21 trade show that particular year, but I        | 21 A. It's less than a week's                    |
| 22 it's pretty general that I attend it.         | 22 production of my eggs, but it's 200,000       |
| 23 Q. This is a multipage document               | 23 cases.  |
| 24 that was produced by Cal-Maine. Do you        | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1            |
|  | 24 Q. Do you recall any discussion at            |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 USEM exports were impacting the domestic U.S.  | 2 that Eggs Products Price Discovery Committee?  |
| 3 price for eggs?                                | 3 A. I don't remember.                           |
| 4 A. Could you repeat the question,              | 4 Q. Do you remember attending a                 |
| 5 please?  | 5 meeting of an eggs products Price Discovery    |
| 6 Q. Let's restate it.                           | 6 Committee?                                     |
| 7 Do you recall at any point                     | 7 A. No, not particularly, not for               |
| 8 between 2002 and when you joined USEM having   | 8 egg products, no.                              |
| 9 a discussion with anyone at US UEP as to       | 9  |
| 10 whether USEM exports were impacting the       | 10 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-16, Shell                 |
| 11 domestic price of eggs in the U.S.?           | 11 Egg Marketing Committee January 24,           |
| 12 A. No, I don't recall the                     | 12 2005, Bates DAY0028896 - DAY0028925,          |
| 13 discussions.                                  | 13 was marked for identification.)               |
| 14   | 14   |
| 15 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-13, UEP                   | 15 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              |
| 16 Marketing Committee May 10, 2004              | 16 Q. I'm going to move to the next              |
| 17 Washington, D.C., Bates CM00189887 -          | 17 exhibit which will be 16.                     |
| 18 CM00189903, was marked for                    | 18   |
| 19 identification.)                              | 19 (A discussion off the record                  |
| 20   | 20 occurred.)                                    |
| 21 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              | 21   |
| 22 Q. Mr. Hinton, I'd like you to                | 22 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              |
| 23 look at what's been marked as Exhibit 13.     | 23 Q. Exhibit 16 is a multipage                  |
| 24 Exhibit 13 is a multipage document with       | 24 exhibit with production numbers DAY0028896    |
| 25 production numbers CM00189887 through 903,    | 25 through 8925. The first page has a heading,   |
| Page 103   | Page 105   |
| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 and the first page has a heading "UEP          | 2 "Shell Egg Marketing Committee January 24,     |
| 3 Marketing Committee May 10, 2004, Washington,  | 3 2005," shows 2005 committee members including  |
| 4 D.C."  | 4 Mr. Hinton. And then an agenda for the         |
| 5 The second page has an agenda                  | 5 January 24, 2005, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia  |
| 6 for that meeting and shows you as a committee  | 6 on page 2. I'm going to ask you about the      |
| 7 member. I'm going to ask you about the page    | 7 minutes of the meeting, however, on the third  |
| 8 marked 891, about five page 5 of the           | 8 page, "Shell Egg Marketing Committee           |
| 9 document. This page reads, "Egg Products       | 9 October 20, 2004, New Orleans," which shows    |
| 10 Price Discovery Committee," "UEA Further      | 10 you being present.                            |
| 11 Processor members have requested that UEP     | Do you remember being in a                       |
| 12 establish a price discovery committee for egg | 12 meeting of the Shell Egg Marketing Committee  |
| 13 products.                                     | 13 in New Orleans in October 2004?               |
| 14 "Dolph Baker, chairman of UEP's               | 14 A. I don't remember the particular            |
| 15 Price Discovery Committee, met with UEA       | 15 meeting, but I remember being in New Orleans. |
| 16 members on April 27th and explained how the   | 16 Q. On the next page which is 8899             |
| 17 Shell Egg Price Discovery Committee has       | 17 of the minutes of that meeting, there's a     |
| 18 worked with the market reporter, over the     | 18 reference to area meeting recommendations.    |
| 19 past several years, in creating the best      | 19 Do you recall what area meeting               |
| 20 possible price discovery system. He will      | 20 recommendations were at UEP?                  |
| 21 honor the UEA request and appoint the         | 21 A. I know UEP holds area meetings.            |
| 22 following UEP members to serve on the Egg     | 22 To my knowledge, I never attended any.        |
| 23 Products Price Discovery Committee." And      | 23 Q. Under "Area Meeting                        |
| 24 you're listed as one of the six.              | 24 Recommendations" on that page it says,        |
| 25 Do you recall being named to                  | 25 "Gregory presented the following              |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL             |
| 2 recommendations from area meetings:  | 2 Q. Under the next paragraph, it                         |
| 3 "1. Develop a program to   | 3 says, "Recommendation to Board:                         |
| 4 reduce the flock by 5% with a goal of  | 4 "MOTION: It was moved by                                |
| 5 reducing the nation's flock size by 8 - 10   | 5 Wicker and seconded by Schimpf to recommend             |
| 6 million hens.  | 6 to the Board a plan for hens currently                  |
| 7 "2. Animal Care Certified  | 7 scheduled for disposal between December 1,              |
| 8 companies skip the cage space allowance of 61  | 8 2004 and July 1, 2005 be disposed of 4 weeks            |
| 9 square inches and go directly to 64 square   | 9 early or reduce your flock size by 5%.                  |
| 10 inches with chicks hatched after April 1,   | 10 (Carried.)"  |
| 11 2005.   | Did you do you remember                                   |
| 12 "3. Animal Care Certified   | 12 participating in any discussion of that                |
| 13 companies may not purchase eggs from  | 13 motion at a meeting you attended?                      |
| 14 non-certified companies for marketing in the  | 14 A. No, I don't recall the                              |
| 15 shell egg market."  | 15 discussion. And for Rose Acre's we would               |
| 16 The next paragraph says,  | 16 have never been for this because our                   |
| 17 "Gregory reported that a legal opinion had  | 17 policies, we don't do that because of our              |
| 18 been requested from Irving Isaacson office on   | 18 structure, because we have our own we have             |
| 19 item #3." That would be animal care   | 19 our own breeder flocks and hatchery and our            |
| 20 company companies may not purchase eggs   | 20 own pullet growing facilities, so we would             |
| 21 from non-certified companies for marketing  | 21 never be part of this, something like that             |
| 22 them with the shell egg market. The   | 22 because it wouldn't fit with our flock                 |
| 23 paragraph goes on, "Their office has written  | 23 schedule and we would never do something like          |
| 24 the following that could be acted upon: 'For  | 24 that.  |
| 25 the integrity of the Animal Care Certified  | 25 Q. Do you recall whether you voted                     |
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| Page 107  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                    | Page 109<br>1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 program and to avoid the potential and   | 2 on the motion?  |
| 3 significant problem of co-mingling certified   | 3 A. I don't recall. I wouldn't                           |
| 4 and non-certified eggs, an Animal Care   | 4 have the authority in my position with the              |
| 5 Certified company may only use eggs from   | 5 company, I wouldn't have the authority to               |
| 6 their own production or purchase eggs from   | 6 even vote on something like that.                       |
|  |   |
| 7 other Animal Care Certified companies or<br>8 authorized Animal Care Certified marketers | 7 MR. MONICA: We promised you a 8 break.                  |
| 9 for consumer sales into the shell egg  | 9 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off the                             |
| 10 markets. Animal Care Certified companies  | 10 record at 11:43.                                       |
| •  |   |
| 11 that break eggs and sell at least some of   | ••  |
| 12 their eggs into the further products markets  | 12 (A recess was taken.)<br>13                            |
| 13 may purchase eggs from non-Animal Care  |   |
| 14 Certified companies or marketers for egg  |   |
| 15 product sales so long as the certified and  | 15 record at 12:09.                                       |
| 16 non-certified eggs are non co-mingled."   | 16  |
| 17 It then says, "MOTION: It was   | 17 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-17, UEP                            |
| 18 moved by Osborne and seconded by Mooney to  | 18 Board of Directors January 25, 2005                    |
| 19 recommend the language recommended by   | 19 Atlanta, GA Minutes, Bates DAY0028028                  |
| 20 Irving's office to the Animal Welfare   | 20 - DAY0028035, was marked for                           |
| 21 Committee. (The motion was tabled)."  | 21 identification.)                                       |
| Do you recall any discussion of  | 22  |
| 23 that issue at a meeting you attended?   | 23 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                       |
| 24 A. I don't remember this  | Q. I'd like you to look at what                           |
| 25 particular discussion, no.  | 25 has been marked as Hinton Deposition 17,               |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 multipage document with the production number  | 2 made their intentions known to either sell     |
| 3 DAY0028028 through 035 with the heading UEP    | 3 flocks early or reduce their flocks by 5%.     |
| 4 Board of Directors January 25, 2005, Atlanta,  | 4 He also reported that egg producers may need   |
| 5 Georgia Minutes.                               | 5 some help in finding a market for their spent  |
| 6 Mr. Hinton, do you recall under                | 6 hens and help from USDA would be requested.    |
| 7 "Board Members and Staff," a Mr. Marcus Rust   | 7 He also reported that Michael Sheats from      |
| 8 is named and then under "Members & Guests"     | 8 USDA Market News had met with the committee    |
| 9 Greg Hinton is among the group named. Do you   | 9 and proposed some changes to the market        |
| 10 remember being at a UEP Board of Directors    | 10 reports currently being provided by Market    |
| 11 meeting January 25, 2005, in Atlanta,         | 11 News. Mooney submitted the following          |
| 12 Georgia?                                      | 12 motions:"                                     |
| 13 A. 2005. I don't remember the                 | The second motion down I'm                       |
| 14 exact meeting, but January as I stated        | 14 going to move to, "Motion: It was moved by    |
| 15 before, that week in January I'm usually in   | 15 Mooney and seconded by Dean to recommend that |
| 16 Atlanta every year.                           | 16 the current 'intentions program' for flocks   |
| 17 Q. Under at the bottom of that                | 17 to be disposed of 4 weeks earlier than        |
| 18 page under "Chairman's Comments," it says,    | 18 previously scheduled and/or flock size        |
| 19 "Among the comments made by Chairman Deffner  | 19 reduction by 5% be extended through Labor     |
| 20 were the following: It was just a year ago    | 20 Day. Carried."                                |
| 21 that we met in this very hotel and were so    | 21 Do you remember that motion                   |
| 22 full of optimism. All indicators were that    | 22 being made and voted upon at a meeting you    |
| 23 we could sustain \$1.00 plus eggs for an      | 23 attended?                                     |
| 24 extended period and the price structures for  | A. No, I don't recall that                       |
| 25 the next 18 months. (We took care of that).   | 25 particular motion. As I stated earlier, that  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 The market came full circle with prices from   | 2 wouldn't be consistent with what Rose Acre's   |
| 3 \$1.35 to 59 cents. We don't have to accept    | 3 policy is.                                     |
| 4 low prices and we can have a good 2005 if we   | 4 Q. When such a motion was made at              |
| 5 just make a few changes and work together.     | 5 a meeting you attended, did you say anything   |
| 6 We sell ourselves short by spending a great    | 6 about it?                                      |
| 7 deal of time talking about the negatives.      | 7 A. I don't recall. I would never               |
| 8 Year-end flock size was actually less than     | 8 vote for it.                                   |
| 9 forecast but still a problem. The Economic     | 9 Q. How about Mr. Rust, he was                  |
| 10 Summit highlighted some of the problems and   | 10 listed as being at this meeting, do you       |
| 11 more of you have already reacted in a         | 11 recall him saying anything about it at this   |
| 12 positive manner. We need more of you to       | 12 meeting?                                      |
| 13 participate in a positive change. Thanks to   | 13 A. I don't recall at this meeting,            |
| 14 those that have prepaid your 2005 dues and    | 14 no.   |
| 15 assessments."                                 | 15   |
| 16 Do you recall Mr. Deffner                     | 16 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-25, United                |
| 17 making those comments at a meeting you        | 17 Egg Association Further Processors            |
| 18 attended in Atlanta in January 2005?          | 18 Division Meeting Minutes - April 23,          |
| 19 A. No, I don't.                               | 19 2007 Las Vegas, Nevada, Bates                 |
| 20 Q. The next page, down at the                 | 20 UE0902043 & UE0902044, was marked for         |
| 21 "Marketing Committee Report" paragraph, it    | 21 identification.)                              |
| 22 says, "Wayne Mooney presented the committee   | 22   |
| 23 report and called upon Gene Gregory to review | 23 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                              |
| 24 a number of industry statistics. Mooney       | 24 Q. I'm going to move to Hinton                |
| 25 reported on the number of companies that have | 25 Deposition Exhibit 25. It's a two-page        |
| 25 reported on the number of companies that have | 25 Deposition Entitlet 25. It's a two-page       |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 document with production number numbers        | 2 with ADF.                                      |
| 3 UE0902043 to 44, heading, "United Egg          | 3 O. What is that?                               |
| 4 Association Further Processors Division        | 4 A. American Dehydrated Foods.                  |
| 5 Meeting Minutes - April 23, 2007, Las Vegas,   | 5 Dana Persson, Dana, at that time he was with   |
| 6 Nevada." And among the attendees it shows      | 6 Golden Oval Foods.                             |
| 7 Mr. Hinton.                                    | 7 Q. Golden Oval?                                |
| 8 Down on the paragraph says,                    | 8 A. Yes. Dave Cisneros. Dave has                |
| 9 "Election of Treasurer," it refers to          | 9 worked for several companies. I don't          |
| 10 Chairman Hinton.                              | _  |
|  | 10 2007, I'm not sure, he might have been with   |
| Do you remember attending this                   | 11 Sparboe then. I'm not positive.               |
| 12 meeting of the Further Processors Division of | 12 Jim Hull, he's with American                  |
| 13 the United Egg Association in April 2007 in   | 13 Egg Products.                                 |
| 14 Las Vegas?                                    | 14 Danny Sullivan, I don't                       |
| 15 A. I don't remember the particular            | 15 remember.                                     |
| 16 meeting, no, but that's that time of the      | 16 Arthur Papetti, Papetti Egg.                  |
| 17 year I'm in Las Vegas for the Urner Barry     | 17 Mike McGriff, he was I                        |
| 18 conference.                                   | 18 believe he was staff at UEP then.             |
| 19 Q. Do you recall what this Further            | 19 Mick Pollock, I don't recall.                 |
| 20 Processors Division purpose was?              | 20 Beth Schnell, she was with                    |
| 21 A. Further Processors, that's                 | 21 Sparboe.                                      |
| 22 United Egg Association.                       | 22 Randy Green, he was with UEP.                 |
| 23 Q. Yes.                                       | 23 Rob Harrington, he might have                 |
| 24 A. It's United Egg Association.               | 24 been with Primary Egg then, I'm not positive. |
| 25 Q. Previously you previously                  | 25 But he's been with Primary Egg.               |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 discussed your role in United Egg              | 2 Jeff Cutler 2007. 2007,                        |
| 3 Association, that's what you're referring to?  | 3 Jeff Jeff Cutler works for Rose Acre's         |
| 4 A. Yes.  | 4 today. That's around, I believe, when he       |
| 5 Q. Do you know what Further                    | 5 started with us. If not, he was still          |
| 6 Processors means in this context?              | 6 working for Moark or Golden Oval. They         |
| 7 A. Well, Further Processor would               | 7 combined companies, so I'm not sure exactly.   |
| 8 be an egg breaker, and I would if I in         | 8 Scott Hennehe, I don't                         |
| 9 my company, that would be an egg breaker.      | 9 remember.                                      |
| 10 Q. By "egg breaker," you mean                 | 10 Mark Mello, I don't remember.                 |
| 11 what?   | 11 There's Dave again. I guess he                |
| 12 A. Somebody that breaks eggs.                 | 12 was there twice. That was pretty good. So     |
| 13 That's what I would call a Further Processor, | 13 we've talked about Dave.                      |
| 14 somebody that breaks eggs.                    | 14 Michael Gibber, he was with                   |
| 15 Q. And then uses the                          | 15 Deb-El.                                       |
| 16 A. Produces liquid eggs or dry                | 16 Chad Gregory with UEP.                        |
| 17 frozen egg products.                          | 17 Toby Catherman would have been                |
| 18 Q. Can you identify by company the            | 18 with Michael Foods.                           |
| 19 attendees?                                    | 19 Myself.                                       |
| 20 A. I can certainly try.                       | 20 Chris Salisbury, don't know.                  |
| 21 Q. Sure.                                      | 21 Don't remember.                               |
| 22 A. You want me to start and go                | 22 Bill Bloyer, don't remember.                  |
| 23 down?   | Norm Stocker would have been                     |
| 24 Q. Yes.                                       | 24 with Cargill Sunny Fresh.                     |
| 25 A. Okay. George Attwood, he is                | 25 Brian Hayward was with Crystal                |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL          | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL          |
| 2 Lake.  | 2 prices have had the largest impact on our            |
| 3 Craig Morris, USDA.                                  | 3 cost of production. Also complying with the          |
| 4 Terry Pollard '07, Terry may                         | 4 new UEP Animal Care Certified guidelines has         |
| 5 have been with Diversey, a chemical supplier         | 5 caused a decrease in our overall bird numbers        |
| 6 that was a vendor for UEP.                           | 6 and resulted in an increase in production            |
| 7 Elliot Gibber, Deb-El.                               | 7 costs. Under the UEP guidelines we have went         |
| 8 Mike Sheats, USDA.                                   | 8 from 48 square inches per bird when the              |
| 9 Gene Gregory, UEP.                                   | 9 program began to the current 64 square inches        |
| 10 Howard Magwire, UEP.                                | 10 per bird. By April of 2008 we have to               |
| 11 And Randy Pesciotta, Urner                          | 11 increase to the final number of 67 square           |
| 12 Barry.  | 12 inches per bird."                                   |
| 13 Q. Do you have any memory of this                   | When you were saying here that                         |
| 14 meeting as to what was discussed?                   | 14 "complying with theUEP Animal Care                  |
| 15 A. No, I don't.                                     | 15 Certified guidelines has caused a decrease in       |
| 16 Q. Much earlier today you referred                  | 16 our overall bird numbers and resulted in an         |
| 17 to a customer of yours called Dutch Farms.          | 17 increase in production costs," were you             |
| 18 A. Yes.   | 18 referring to Rose Acre's bird numbers and           |
| 19 O. What's the nature of that                        | 19 production costs?                                   |
| 20 company?  | 20 MR. MONICA: Objection. You may                      |
| 21 A. They're a distributor in                         | 21 answer.   |
| 22 Chicago, Illinois.                                  | 22 THE WITNESS: Yes.                                   |
| 23 Q. Food distributor?                                | 23 MR. MALYSIAK: That's all I have                     |
| 24 A. Yes. As far as well, I                           | 24 at this time. Lunch?                                |
| 25 don't know if they sell other products              | 25 MR. MONICA: Lunch, yes.                             |
| Page 119 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL | Page 121 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 besides food, but they are a food                    | 2 MR. MALYSIAK: Lunch, okay.                           |
| 3 distributor, correct.                                | 3 Take lunch.  |
| 4  | 4 VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at                      |
| 5 (Exhibit DAP-Hinton-29, 5/30/07                      | 5 12:26.   |
| 6 Letter, Bates KRA00026658 -                          | 6  |
| 7 KRA00026663, was marked for                          | 7 (A recess was taken.)                                |
| 8 identification.)                                     | 8  |
| 9  | 9 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the                      |
| 10 BY MR. MALYSIAK:                                    | 10 record at 1:22.                                     |
| 11 Q. I'd like you to look at what                     | 11   |
| 12 has been marked as Deposition Exhibit 29.           | 12 EXAMINATION   |
| 13 This is a multipage document with production        | 13   |
| 14 numbers KRA00026658 through 26663. The first        | 14 BY MR. ALLEN:                                       |
| 15 page is a letter from Mr. Hinton to John            | 15 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Hinton. My                   |
| 16 Gregorich at Kraft Foods on the Rose Acre           | 16 name is Matt Allen, I'm a lawyer for the            |
| 17 letterhead, dated May 30, 2007.                     | 17 Direct Purchaser Class.                             |
| 18 Mr. Hinton, do you recall                           | 18 A. Hi, Matt.  |
| 19 sending this letter to Mr. Gregorich?               | 19 Q. Did you prepare for your                         |
| 20 A. I don't recall exactly sending                   | 20 deposition, Mr. Hinton?                             |
| 21 the letter, but this is my letter, yes.             | 21 A. For today?                                       |
| 22 Q. The second paragraph of your                     | 22 Q. Yes.   |
| 23 letter says, "Since our last contract began         | 23 A. I didn't prepare specifically                    |
| 24 in 2005 there have been many changes in the         | 24 for today's deposition, no.                         |
| 25 cost of producing eggs. The rising feed             | 25 Q. You didn't meet with your                        |
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| Page 122  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                               | Page 124  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 lawyers to review documents in preparation  | 2 A. I remember going to Salt Lake                      |
| 3 for this deposition?  | 3 City, Utah. And I believe one time, I                 |
| 4 A. I reviewed a notice, there was   | 4 believe it was in Denver.                             |
| 5 one document that I was shown by my lawyers.  | 5 Q. So do you remember going to                        |
| 6 Q. Where did that happen?   | 6 more than two meetings or were those the only         |
| 7 A. It happened in my office the   | 7 two?  |
| 8 first time well, actually the document  | 8 A. No, we went I went to Salt                         |
| 9 it was my office or the Rose Acre office a  | 9 Lake more than once. I don't remember how             |
|   | 10 many times. But I know it was more than              |
| 10 month or two ago, and then yesterday in this 11 office.                            | 11 once.  |
| 12 Q. How many days did you prepare   | 12 Q. Do you remember if you attended                   |
| 13 total?   | 13 any Board of Director meetings?                      |
| 14 A. I told you for this deposition  | 14 A. Well, at the meetings I                           |
| 15 I didn't.  | 15 attended, the members, the Board would have          |
| 16 Q. So that was the extent of your  | 16 been at those meetings.                              |
| 17 preparation, a review of a document yesterday                                      |   |
| 18 in this office and then a review of a  | 17 Q. Do you remember who was on the 18 Board?          |
| 19 document in Indiana?   | 19 A. Somebody from each company that                   |
| 20 A. It was yes, it was the  | 20 was a member, as I recall, which you want            |
| 21 notice that I was going to be giving a   | 21 to know some of the companies?                       |
| 22 deposition.  | 22 Q. Sure, that would be great.                        |
|   | 23 A. We were on, Rose Acre's.                          |
| 23 Q. Do you remember doing some work 24 to help set up Certified Egg Products, Inc.? | 24 Crystal Lake, Willamette.                            |
| 25 A. Yes.  | 25 Q. I'm sorry?  |
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| Page 123  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                               | Page 125  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 Q. When did you start doing that  | 2 A. Willamette.  |
| 3 work?   | 3 Q. How do you spell that?                             |
| 4 A. I don't remember.  | 4 A. W-I-L-A-M-E-T-T-E, I believe.                      |
| 5 Q. Were you ever an actual  | 5 NuCal, I guess it was called, I say NuCal,            |
| 6 employee of Certified Egg Products or did you                                       | 6 they had a division Newegg is their products          |
| 7 work on Certified Egg Products as a Rose Acre                                       | 7 for NuCal. They had a I think Newegg was              |
| 8 employee?   | 8 their egg products. Wabash Valley Produce.            |
| 9 A. I was never an employee of   | 9 National Egg. I believe American Egg                  |
| 10 Certified Egg Products.  | 10 Products. They're the ones I can think of.           |
| 11 Q. What type of work did you do on   | 11 There may have been some others, I'd have to         |
| 12 Certified Egg Products?  | 12 look at records to see that.                         |
| 13 A. I, as I recall, gathered some   | 13 Q. Okay. What was the purpose of                     |
| 14 information about the different products that                                      | 14 the organization?                                    |
| 15 members produced, and some work with a   | 15 A. The purpose was to bring                          |
| 16 product logo.  | 16 different egg products companies together            |
| 17 Q. Is that the extent of your work   | 17 to that had each one of the companies                |
| 18 on the company?  | 18 may have produced a different egg product.           |
| 19 A. I attended I attended some  | 19 Some had similar, some had different products        |
| 20 meetings of Certified Egg Products.  | 20 than the other members and it was to bring           |
| 21 Q. What type of meetings?  | 21 the different companies together with their          |
| 22 A. Meetings with the members of  | 22 particular products to combine those products        |
| 23 Certified Egg Products.  | 23 to be able to go out to national food service        |
| 24 Q. Do you remember where they  | 24 companies to offer them a wide variety               |
| 25 were?  | 25 because individually on our own, the                 |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  |
| 2 different members did not have the variety of  | 2 LLC of Atwood, Indiana; Hickman's Family   |
| 3 products needed to service the customers on a  | 3 Farms of Buckeye, Arizona; Layers, Inc. of   |
| 4 national basis. So together, we could the  | 4 Dubois, Indiana; National Food Corporation of  |
| 5 thought was, was to have the companies offer   | 5 Everett, Washington; Rose Acre Farms of  |
| 6 the wide variety that the customers  | 6 Seymour, Indiana; and Willamette Egg Farms of  |
| 7 ultimately were demanding or requesting for  | 7 Canby, Oregon."  |
| 8 their you know, for their needs.   | 8 Did I read that correctly?   |
|  | 9 A. Yes.  |
| 9 Q. That includes shell eggs? 10 A. No. The focus was purely on   | 10 Q. You said that eventually there   |
| 11 egg products.   | 11 were some other members. Correct?   |
|  | 12 MR. MONICA: Objection.  |
| 12 Q. What does egg products consist 13 of or include?   | 13 BY MR. ALLEN:   |
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| <ul><li>14 A. Egg products would be liquid,</li><li>15 frozen and dried eggs in different varieties.</li></ul> | 14 Q. You mentioned Crystal Lake as a 15 member of Certified Egg Products at some  |
|  | 16 point?  |
| 16 Q. Whose idea was it to form 17 Certified Egg Products?   |  |
| 18 A. I don't know for sure.   | The state of the s |
| 19   | 18 Creighton Brothers. There's some companies I 19 can refer to them by multiple names.  |
| 20 (Exhibit 33, Certified Egg  |  |
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| 21 Products, Inc. Information Release,<br>22 Bates RA0014219, was marked for                                   | 21 A. Same thing for Layers, 22 Incorporated, DuBois, I called them Wabash   |
|  |  |
| 23 identification.) 24   | 23 Valley, so it's the same company. 24 Q. Are there any on the list that  |
| 25 BY MR. ALLEN:   | 24 Q. Are there any on the list that 25 you gave me a minute ago that aren't on this   |
|  | 23 you gave me a minute ago that aren't on this  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  |
| 2 Q. I'm handing you what's been   | 2 list?  |
| 3 marked as Exhibit 3 33, I'm sorry, which<br>4 is a document entitled, "CERTIFIED EGG                         | 3 A. I believe the one I gave that I 4 recalled was NuCal or New I called them   |
| 5 PRODUCTS, INC. INFORMATION RELEASE," Bates   | 5 NuCal or Newegg. I think the rest of them  |
| 6 number RA0014219.  | 6 here, I forgot, I left off, I didn't mention   |
|  | 7 Hickman's that's on here, so   |
| 7 Do you recognize this document, 8 Mr. Hinton?  | 8 Q. This document also shows that   |
| 9 A. I don't necessarily I don't   | 9 Marcus Rust of Rose Acre was the Chairman of   |
| 10 remember the document.  | 10 the Board of CEP. Correct?  |
|  | 11 A. Yes.   |
| 11 Q. Do you agree that it appears to 12 be a press release for Certified Eggs                                 | 12 Q. Was Mr. Rust the chairman since  |
| 13 Products Certified Egg Products?  | 13 the inception of the CEP? And just for the  |
| 14 A. It's an it says it's an  | 14 record, when I say CEP, I'm referring to  |
| _  | 15 Certified Egg Products. Is that okay?   |
| 15 information release for Certified Egg 16 Products, Incorporated.  | 16 A. That you refer to them as CEP?   |
|  | 17 Q. You understand what I mean?  |
| 17 Q. So you don't know whether this 18 was ever sent out?   |  |
|  | 18 A. I understand that. That's 19 fine.   |
|  |  |
| 20 Q. Anyone. 21 A. I don't know for sure who would  | , and the second |
|  | 21 Marcus made chairman, but I don't remember  |
| 22 have received it, no. 23 Q. In the first paragraph it says,   | 22 that there was any other chairman besides   |
| 24 "The cooperative is national in scope and has   | 23 Marcus. 24 Q. In the second paragraph it  |
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| 25 as its founding members Creighton Brothers,   | 25 says, "The Cooperative will assemble the  |

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| 2 products from its members enabling them to     | 2 was that's how the name came up, Certified   |
| 3 provide a full line of UEP certified egg       | 3 Egg Products.                                |
| 4 products to customers."                        | 4 Q. Did the UEP, as far as you                |
| 5 Do you see that?                               | 5 know, ever sell its members eggs?            |
| 6 A. Yes.  | 6 A. You just asked me if UEP                  |
| 7 Q. Was that the plan, the CEP                  | 7 Q. Yes.                                      |
| 8 members would ship their products to some      | 8 A United Egg Producers?                      |
| 9 local or some centralized office of the        | 9 Q. Yes. I'm sorry. Yes.                      |
| 10 cooperative and the office would sell those   | 10 MR. MONICA: Sold CEP's eggs?                |
| 11 products?                                     | 11 BY MR. ALLEN:                               |
| MR. MONICA: Objection.                           | 12 Q. Sold its members. I'm sorry.             |
| 13 THE WITNESS: No.                              | 13 A. You might want to                        |
| 14 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 14 Q. So what I'm referring to, if             |
| 15 Q. How did it work?                           | 15 we've got too many acronyms floating around |
| 16 A. Well, we never saw the product,            | 16 let me know.                                |
| 17 so it didn't really work.                     | 17 A. You changed gears.                       |
| 18 Q. Do you know what the plan was?             | 18 Q. I did. So CEP, Certified Egg             |
| 19 A. That the member, as far as                 | 19 Products and UEP, United Egg Producers. Is  |
| 20 distribution of products, if we actually ever | 20 that okay?                                  |
| 21 did distribute products, that the members     | 21 A. Sure.                                    |
| 22 would produce the product that their          | 22 Q. Do you know if the UEP ever              |
| 23 product that they was able to produce and     | 23 sold its members eggs or egg products?      |
| 24 ship it to the customers.                     | 24 A. UEP. I don't remember exactly            |
| 25 Q. Directly?                                  | 25 how it worked, but UEP I think there was a  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  |
| 2 A. From their yes.                             | 2 period of time UEP may have traded in eggs.  |
| 3 Q. What was the cooperative's role             | 3 Q. Do you know when that was?                |
| 4 in that going to be in that process, selling   | 4 A. No, I don't.                              |
| 5 the products from the members to the end       | 5 Q. Do you know did it trade in its           |
| 6 customers?                                     | 6 members' eggs?                               |
| 7 A. What's the question, I'm sorry?             | 7 A. I don't know. I don't                     |
| 8 Q. What role was the cooperative               | 8 remember.                                    |
| 9 going to play in that process?                 | 9 Q. What do you mean when you say             |
| 10 A. The cooperative would have                 | 10 trade in?                                   |
| 11 facilitated the postproduction and sales of   | 11 A. Well, UEP, the management in             |
| 12 the products.                                 | 12 UEP worked with exports for the USEM.       |
| 13 Q. So the plan was for the co-op              | 13 Q. Do you remember whether the UEP          |
| 14 to be actively involved in selling its        | 14 ever sold Rose Acre's eggs?                 |
| 15 members products?                             | 15 A. US through USEM Rose Acre's              |
| 16 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        | 16 eggs were sold.                             |
| 17 THE WITNESS: The products that                | 17 Q. Other than through USEM, did             |
| the cooperative would have been                  | 18 the UEP ever sell Rose Acre's eggs?         |
| 19 working on, yes.                              | 19 A. Not that I remember.                     |
| 20 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 20 Q. Do you know whether CEP ever             |
| 21 Q. Did you say the plan was for               | 21 sought any sort of formal affiliation with  |
| 22 the CEP only to sell egg products and not     | 22 the UEP?                                    |
| 23 shell eggs?                                   | 23 MR. MONICA: Objection.                      |
| 24 A. As I recall it was the focus               | 24 THE WITNESS: What are you I                 |
| 25 was on egg products. That's why the name      | 25 guess could you explain the question,       |

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| 2 please?   | 2 from antitrust laws in the United States is           |
| 3 BY MR. ALLEN:   | 3 predicated upon the fact that Certified and           |
| 4 Q. Yeah, I'm wondering if                             | 4 its members are producer organizations and            |
| 5 Certified Egg Products ever sought some sort          | 5 that they do not include parties who are not          |
| 6 of formal relationship with United Egg                | 6 producers, such as salesmen, brokers or               |
| 7 Producers?  | 7 others involved in packing, sales, marketing          |
| 8 A. No, not that I recall.                             | 8 and distribution for parties not members of           |
| 9   | 9 Certified."   |
| 10 (Exhibit 34, Certified Egg                           | 10 Did I read that correctly?                           |
| 11 Products, Inc. Agreement, Bates                      | 11 A. Yes, you did.                                     |
| 12 RA0010549 & RA0010550, was marked for                | 12 Q. When you were working on                          |
| identification.)  | 13 Certified Egg Products, was it your                  |
| 14  | 14 understanding to be a Capper a valid                 |
| 15 BY MR. ALLEN:  | 15 Capper-Volstead cooperative, all CEP members         |
| 16 Q. Mr. Hinton, I'm handing you                       | 16 had to be producer organizations?                    |
| 17 what's been marked Exhibit 34 for purposes of        | 17 MR. MONICA: Objection. Calls                         |
| 18 this deposition. It's a document entitled,           | 18 for legal conclusion. Also vague and                 |
| 19 "CERTIFIED EGG PRODUCTS, INC. AGREEMENT." It         | 19 ambiguous. You can answer if you                     |
| 20 was produced by Rose Acre in this litigation.        | 20 want, or if you can.                                 |
| 21 Bates number RA0010549.                              | 21 THE WITNESS: It was my                               |
| 22 Do you recognize this document,                      | 22 understanding that under the                         |
| 23 Mr. Hinton?  | 23 Capper-Volstead, we would you had                    |
| 24 A. I'm aware of this document,                       | 24 to be a producer, yes.                               |
| 25 yes.   | 25 BY MR. ALLEN:  |
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| 2 Q. Do you know what this agreement                    | 2 Q. Was the CEP diligent in making                     |
| 3 was used for? Feel free to read it if you             | 3 sure that all of its members were producers?          |
| 4 would like to refresh yourself.                       | 4 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can                        |
| 5 A. That was something else.                           | 5 answer.   |
| 6 No, I don't. I don't remember                         | 6 THE WITNESS: That I can recall,                       |
| 7 exactly what it's I mean, reading it, it              | 7 Randon Wilson, who was our counsel,                   |
| 8 talks about having to consult and being able          | 8 was very diligent.                                    |
| 9 to attend Certified Egg Products meetings,            | 9 BY MR. ALLEN:   |
| 10 but I don't I can't remember right now               | 10 Q. What did the CEP do to make                       |
| 11 exactly who this was for.                            | 11 sure that its members were producers?                |
| 12 Q. Okay.   | 12 MR. MONICA: Objection.                               |
| 13 A. When you first showed it to me,                   | 13 THE WITNESS: As I recall,                            |
| 14 I thought it was the agreement when we joined        | 14 Randon Wilson personally reviewed each               |
| 15 Certified, but it's not that.                        | 15 member.  |
| 16 Q. So the second paragraph it                        | 16 BY MR. ALLEN:  |
| 17 says, "WHEREAS, Certified has been organized         | 17 Q. Do you know whether the CEP                       |
| 18 as a Capper-Volstead cooperative of egg              | 18 sent out a survey asking members about their         |
| 19 producers or cooperatives of egg                     | 19 companies?   |
| 20 producers"   | 20 A. What do you mean by "survey"?                     |
| 21 Do you see that?                                     | 21 Q. Well, actually I'm wondering if                   |
| 22 A. Yes.  | 22 they sent out, if CEP sent out a survey              |
| 23 Q. And then further down in                          | 23 asking prospective CEP members about their           |
| 24 paragraph number 4, it says, "The parties            | 24 company generally to make sure they were             |
| 25 understand that Capper-Volstead protection           | 25 producers?   |
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| 2 A. As I said, to my that I                     | 2 O. Punishment.                                 |
| 3 can I thought you were going to say            | 3 A. Call it what you will. That's               |
| 4 something.                                     | 4 kind of what I recall. Maybe.                  |
| 5 MR. MONICA: No, no, no. Go                     | 5 Q. So you were the vice chairman               |
| 6 ahead.   | 6 and also chairman at one point. Correct?       |
| 7 THE WITNESS: That I can                        | 7 A. As the document showed earlier,             |
| 8 remember, as I already stated, Randon          | 8 I was vice chairman, the chairman resigned     |
| 9 Wilson checked, talked and reviewed            | 9 and I was appointed chairman.                  |
| 10 each member in CEP.                           | 10 Q. What were your responsibilities            |
| 11 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 11 as chairman of the UEA?                       |
| 12 Q. Did you do anything personally             | 12 A. To preside over the meetings               |
| 13 to help ensure that potential CEP members     | 13 when I was chairman.                          |
| 14 were producers?                               | 14 Q. Anything else?                             |
| 15 A. That wasn't my job.                        | 15 A. Not really.                                |
| 16 Q. Do you know whether Marcus Rust            | 16 Q. How many meetings did the UEA              |
| 17 was involved in that process?                 | 17 have a year?                                  |
| 18 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        | 18 A. There might have been two or               |
| 19 THE WITNESS: As far as I know,                | 19 three.  |
| 20 Randon Wilson did all that. He made           | Q. Did you usually attend the                    |
| 21 sure. It was Randon's job to do.              | 21 meetings?                                     |
| 22 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 22 A. When I was chairman I did.                 |
| 23 Q. I'd like to ask you a few more             | 23 Q. Were you the only Rose Acre                |
| 24 questions about your time with the United Egg | 24 representative?                               |
| 25 Association.                                  | 25 A. No.  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 A. Okay.                                       | 2 Q. There were other Rose Acre                  |
| 3 Q. If it's okay, we'll add one                 | 3 representatives to the UEA?                    |
| 4 more acronym here, the UEA.                    | 4 A. Yes.  |
| 5 A. I usually call it that.                     | 5 Q. Who were they?                              |
| 6 Q. Okay. How long were you Rose                | 6 A. Victor Rigterink.                           |
| 7 Acre's representative with the UEA?            | 7 Q. Rigterink?                                  |
| 8 A. I don't recall how many years.              | 8 A. Rigterink.                                  |
| 9 Q. Was it multiple years?                      | 9 Q. Can you spell that?                         |
| 10 A. Yes.                                       | 10 A. R-I-G R-I-G-T-E-R-I-N-K.                   |
| 11 Q. Do you remember how long you               | 11 Larry McBee, M-C big B-E-E, capital B.        |
| 12 were Rose Acre's representative before you    | 12 Sorry. Jeff well, 2008. Just to the           |
| 13 were the chairman?                            | 13 period till 2008 or well, Jeff Cutler.        |
| 14 A. No, I don't.                               | 14 Jeff Cutler.                                  |
| 15 Q. Do you know whether it was                 | 15 Q. When was were these guys                   |
| 16 multiple years?                               | 16 representative Rose Acre representatives      |
| 17 A. I don't remember how many years            | 17 to the UEA between 2000 and 2008?             |
| 18 for sure.                                     | 18 A. I believe Jeff, that would have            |
| 19 Q. Was it normal, based on what               | 19 been about Jeff's first time. Because         |
| 20 you remember, to appoint someone as the       | 20 earlier we discussed, I mentioned Jeff Cutler |
| 21 chairman who hadn't been with the             | 21 in one of the other minutes and I was trying  |
| 22 organization for very long?                   | 22 to decide what actual date he started with    |
| 23 A. I think I missed the meeting               | 23 Rose Acre's. It was in that time frame. I     |
| 24 and I got found out that I missed the         | 24 believe in 2008 Jeff would have been a        |
| 25 meeting I was made vice chairman.             | 25 representative of UEA for Rose Acre's.        |

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| Page 142  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL | Page 144  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL              |
|   | 2 A. It would be companies that                                      |
| 2 Q. And Victor and Larry came 3 before Jeff?           | 3 produce breaking equipment. They may have                          |
| 4 A. Yes. And Victor still works                        | 4 soap companies possibly, supply vendors that                       |
| 5 for us, Larry no longer does. But Victor              | 5 would  |
| 6 would have been that I can remember,                  |  |
| 7 Victor probably went to meetings before I             | 6 Q. I'm sorry, did you say soap? 7 A. Soap, detergent that you wash |
| 8 did.  | 8 the eggs in. Chemicals, chemical companies,                        |
| 9 Q. How many Rose Acre                                 | 9 equipment chemical companies. Like that.                           |
| 10 representatives were there at any given time?        | 10 Companies that would supply goods or services                     |
| 11 A. Two or three sometimes. I                         | 11 to egg product companies.   |
| 12 think Todd Vogel might have attended a               | 12 Q. Okay. And they would be in the                                 |
| 13 meeting before, but not on a regular basis.          | 13 Allied Division?  |
| 14 More on a regular basis would have been              | 14 A. Yes.   |
| 15 Victor, Larry, myself and now Jeff would have        | 15 O. And then the other division,                                   |
| 16 been the ones I can recall.                          | 16 just the general UEA consisted of what type                       |
| 17 Q. So typically between whenever                     | 17 of companies?   |
| 18 you guys, whenever Rose Acre joined the UEA          | 18 A. Egg breaking companies.  |
| 19 until 2008, there were generally around four         | 19 Q. Egg breaking companies. Is an                                  |
| 20 Rose Acre representatives?                           | 20 egg breaking company any company that breaks                      |
| 21 MR. MONICA: Objection.                               | 21 eggs? Would they fall within that second                          |
| 22 THE WITNESS: No. I said two,                         | 22 division of the UEA?  |
| 23 maybe three, two or three that would                 | 23 A. In my mind they would, yes.                                    |
| 24 have attended meetings.                              | 24 Q. So that's the division that                                    |
| 25 BY MR. ALLEN:  | 25 Rose Acre fell into in the UEA, the Egg                           |
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| 2 Q. Two or three?                                      | 2 Breaking Division?   |
| 3 A. Yes.   | 3 A. Yes. Further Egg Breaking,                                      |
| 4 Q. Was the UEA broken into three                      | 4 Further Processor, however you want to call                        |
| 5 divisions, the Further Processors, Producers          | 5 it, yes.   |
| 6 and Packers, and Allied Industries?                   | 6 Q. Do you know where the UEA had                                   |
| 7 A. I don't know about producer                        | 7 its offices?   |
| 8 packer. I'm familiar with I mean, we had              | 8 A. Well, I think Howard Magwire                                    |
| 9 the UEA and then there's an Allied Division           | 9 who at the time I when I was active                                |
| 10 of the UEA that I'm familiar with.                   | 10 was his office, he was in Washington, D.C.                        |
| 11 Q. So you said UEA and then the                      | 11 I think the official address that I recall                        |
| 12 Allied Division?                                     | 12 the official address, I think that UEA would                      |
| 13 A. Yes.  | 13 have been in, I don't know if it's Atlanta or                     |
| 14 Q. So were there two divisions                       | 14 somewhere it's somewhere either if it's                           |
| 15 than just the UEA Division and then the              | 15 not Atlanta, somewhere around Atlanta,                            |
| 16 Allied Division?                                     | 16 Georgia.  |
| 17 A. I don't know the structure. I                     | 17 Q. Was it the same address as the                                 |
| 18 know what the Allied Division was made up of,        | 18 UEP?  |
| 19 but I don't I'm not I don't know                     | 19 A. I believe so, yes.   |
| 20 exactly how that's structured. But I know            | Q. So do you know who the  |
| 21 there is an Allied Division.                         | 21 president of the UEA was when you were the                        |
| 22 Q. What type of companies were in                    | 22 chairman?   |
| 23 the Allied Division?                                 | 23 A. The president?   |
| 24 A. Vendors, suppliers.                               | Q. Did they have a president, do                                     |
| 25 Q. What does that mean?                              | 25 you know?   |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL 2 A. Not that I remember. Howard | 2 that worked for the UEA?                              |
| 3 was  | 3 A. I don't know the only ones                         |
| 4 Q. Does the was  | 4 that were designated was Howard.                      |
| 5 A. Howard Magwire was our well,  | 5 Q. So Gene Gregory you don't                          |
| 6 that I recall, that I dealt with was where                                   | 6 remember playing a role in the UEA or having          |
| 7 Howard Magwire was my contact.   | 7 a position with the UEA?                              |
| 8 Q. Did the UEA have a management   | 8 A. No, I don't.                                       |
| 9 team?  | 9 Q. Did UEA members attend UEP                         |
| 10 A. Howard was I mean Howard was   | 10 meetings?  |
| 11 our designated at the time I was there,                                     | 11 A. I did.  |
| 12 I'm not sure, I don't attend the meetings any                               | 12 Q. Did other UEA members attend                      |
| 13 more, but Howard was my I would consider                                    | 13 UEP meetings?  |
| 14 Howard, you know, kind of our team. I think                                 | 14 A. Yes.  |
| 15 that Randy Green may have assisted. He was                                  | 15 Q. Did UEA members receive the                       |
| 16 a he assisted Howard with matters in  | 16 UEP's newsletter United Voices?                      |
| 17 Washington, D.C., as I recall.  | 17 A. I did.  |
| 18 Q. Who did Howard work for?   | 18 Q. Do you know whether the                           |
| 19 A. Howard Magwire?  | 19 newsletter was sent to all UEA members?              |
| 20 Q. Yes.   | 20 A. I don't know.                                     |
| 21 A. At that time he would have   | 21 Q. Did the UEA have its own                          |
| 22 for UEP.  | 22 newsletter?  |
| 23 Q. For UEP?   | 23 A. Not that I recall.                                |
| 24 A. Yes. As far as I know.   | 24 Q. Did the UEA do anything as an                     |
| 25 Q. Do you know what his role with   | 25 organization to support the UEP's certified          |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL           |
| 2 UEP or his position there was?   | 2 program?  |
| 3 A. I think he worked on government   | 3 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can                        |
| 4 relations.   | 4 answer.   |
| 5 Q. Government relations. So he   | 5 THE WITNESS: I don't recall                           |
| 6 was a full-time UEP employee?  | 6 that as an organization, no. I mean,                  |
| 7 A. I guess I never as far as   | 7 my ourself as Rose Acre's was a UEP                   |
| 8 he was always there. I mean, I don't know                                    | 8 member and a UEA member.                              |
| 9 his exact job status. But as far as I know,                                  | 9 BY MR. ALLEN:   |
| 10 he was always there.  | 10 Q. So in their business dealings,                    |
| 11 Q. Do you remember his official   | 11 do you know whether UEA members showed any           |
| 12 position or title at UEA?   | 12 preference for members of the UEP Certified          |
| 13 A. He was our designated liaison  | 13 Program?   |
| 14 for us from UEP that Howard took care of UEA                                | 14 MR. MONICA: Objection.                               |
| 15 business for the UEA members.   | 15 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat                        |
| 16 Q. I'm sorry, when you say our  | 16 the question?  |
| 17 designated contact, do you mean Rose Acre or                                | 17 BY MR. ALLEN:  |
| 18 do you mean   | 18 Q. Sure. Was there any UEA policy                    |
| 19 A. For UEA members.   | 19 that UEA members in their business dealings          |
| 20 Q. UEA, okay.   | 20 should show preference to companies who were         |
| 21 A. Yeah. If we had anything UEA,  | 21 members of the UEP Certified Program?                |
| 22 if we had anything, we'd go to Howard, at                                   | 22 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can                       |
| 23 least when I was doing it, when I was                                       | 23 answer.  |
|  |   |
| 24 chairman on it, that I remember. 25 Q. Were there other UEP employees       | 24 THE WITNESS: No, not that I 25 recall.               |

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| 2 BY MR. ALLEN:   | 2 A. No, I don't.   |
| 3 Q. Do you know whether the UEA did                        | 3 Q. The first slide appears to say   |
| 4 any advertising or marketing in support of                | 4 or does say, "Marketing - Statistics 2007   |
| 5 the UEP Certified Program?                                | 5 Area Meetings."   |
| 6 A. No, not that I recall. We                              | 6 Did the UEP have area meetings?   |
| 7 didn't UEA was not in the business of                     | 7 A. Did UEP yes, they did.   |
| 8 marketing.  | 8 Q. Did a Rose Acre representative   |
| 9 Q. Mr. Hinton, I'd like to refer                          | 9 typically attend those meetings?  |
| 10 you back to an exhibit you saw earlier today.            | 10 A. As I recall, yes.   |
| 11 It's Exhibit Number 13, Bates number                     | 11 Q. Was Rose Acre always in the   |
| 12 CM00189887. Do you see it?                               | 12 same UEP area or was it in multiple areas?   |
| 13 A. Yes.  | 13 A. We would have to look what,   |
| 14 Q. If you will turn to page 5 of                         | 14 I guess, is the question?  |
| 15 the packet, Bates number CM00189891, the page            | 15 Q. I'm trying to find out if Rose  |
| 16 is titled, "Egg Products Price Discovery                 | 16 Acre would have attended multiple area   |
| 17 Committee."  | 17 meetings or whether it was always in the same  |
| 18 Do you see that?   | 18 area?  |
| 19 A. Yes.  | 19 A. We as I recall, without   |
| 20 Q. The first sentence says, "UEA                         | 20 looking at the list of where the meetings  |
| 21 Further Processor members have requested that            | 21 were held, I believe that we had farms,  |
| 22 UEP establish a price discovery committee for            | 22 locations and that would have span more than   |
| 23 egg products."   | 23 one area.  |
| 24 Did I read that correctly?                               | 24 Q. Do you know which areas?  |
| 25 A. Yes.  | 25 A. The midwest and the southeast.  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL               | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 Q. Why would the UEA further                              | 2 Q. Did Rose Acre only attend one  |
| 3 processors request that the UEP establish                 | 3 area meeting or was it only officially in one   |
| 4 that committee?   | 4 area for purposes of these meetings, do you   |
| 5 MR. MONICA: Objection.                                    | 5 know?   |
| 6 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I                              | 6 A. I don't know. I never recall   |
| 7 don't remember that.                                      | 7 ever attending one myself. And I just I   |
| 8 BY MR. ALLEN:   | 8 know KY attended meetings, I know that. But   |
| 9 Q. You don't know whether this                            | 9 I don't know which ones. I don't have   |
| 10 committee was established?                               | 10 specific knowledge of ones you know, the   |
| 11 A. I don't remember it, no.                              | 11 ones he attended.  |
| 12 MR. ALLEN: 35.   | 12 Q. Do you know you're referring  |
| 13  | 13 to KY?   |
| 14 (Exhibit 35, PowerPoint slides,                          | 14 A. Hendrix.  |
| 15 Bates RA0069068 - RA0069072, was                         | 15 Q. Hendrix, okay. Sorry.   |
| 16 marked for identification.)                              | Do you know who else attended   |
| 17  | 17 UEP area meetings?   |
| 18 BY MR. ALLEN:  | 18 A. Not for sure. The only one I  |
| 19 Q. Mr. Hinton, I'm handing you                           | 19 know, KY I knew attended them, but I don't   |
| 20 what's been marked as Exhibit 35 for this                | 20 remember if we had anybody else. It's  |
| 21 deposition. It is a document consisting of               | 21 possible, but I just I remember KY   |
| 22 five pages. It's what appear to be                       | 22 attended them.   |
| 23 PowerPoint slides. It's Bates number                     | 23 Q. If you'll turn to page 3 of the   |
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| 24 RA0069068 through 72. 25 Do you recognize this document? | 24 packet, Bates number RA0069070, you'll see a 25 slide titled, "Possible Reasons For Better |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 Egg Prices."                                   | 2 goes down?                                  |
| 3 Do you see that?                               | 3 MR. MONICA: Objection.                      |
| 4 A. Yes.  | 4 Hypothetical. Also calls for expert         |
| 5 Q. Do you remember whether 2007                | 5 opinion.                                    |
| 6 was a good year for egg prices?                | 6 THE WITNESS: Right. So not                  |
| 7 MR. MONICA: Objection.                         | 7 necessarily. I mean, like I said,           |
| 8 THE WITNESS: What do you mean                  | 8 demand, it's a combination of factors       |
| 9 by well, I 2007, I don't                       | 9 that always affect if we're talking         |
| 10 remember.                                     | price or market, whichever you want to        |
| 11 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 11 refer to, but, for example, if you         |
| 12 Q. So if the slide shows, "Reduced            | want to refer to markets, this past           |
| 13 flock size" is one of the possible reasons    | 13 February I saw probably, according to      |
| 14 for better prices. Correct?                   | 14 USDA statistics, we had the highest        |
| 15 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        | 15 flock size of all time on record and       |
| 16 THE WITNESS: Are you asking me                | we also had the highest price all time        |
| 17 if that's what's written here?                | in the Urner Barry market. So, no, I          |
| 18 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 18 can't sit here and say that what the       |
| 19 Q. Yes.                                       | 19 flock size is would have direct            |
| 20 A. That is written here. I don't              | 20 correlation. There's many things that      |
| 21 necessarily agree with it, but it's written   | 21 affect it, and sometimes we never          |
| 22 there.  | 22 know.                                      |
| 23 Q. Based on your experience in the            | 23 BY MR. ALLEN:                              |
| 24 egg industry, would a reduced flock size ever | 24 Q. Will the flock size going up            |
| 25 improve egg prices?                           | 25 ever cause prices to go up?                |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 MR. MONICA: Objection. Calls                   | 2 MR. MONICA: Objection. Same                 |
| 3 for speculation.                               | 3 objections.                                 |
| 4 THE WITNESS: There's a lot of                  | 4 THE WITNESS: It's what I                    |
| 5 factors that go into egg prices, and           | 5 stated, I can't say exactly for sure.       |
| 6 flock size would be one of them.               | 6 Sometimes we just you know, there's         |
| 7 BY MR. ALLEN:                                  | 7 factors that go into it that we             |
| 8 Q. How does or how can a flock                 | 8 it's hard to explain, because this          |
| 9 size affect egg prices?                        | 9 like I said, I guess I'll go back to        |
| 10 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        | this past February. I saw record              |
| 11 THE WITNESS: It's prices,                     | 11 number, record high production and         |
| 12 there are so many factors go into it,         | 12 record high prices. So you can't           |
| 13 you can't point to one thing. Demand          | 13 it's our I couldn't sit here today         |
| 14 along with any kind of with the               | 14 and draw that correlation to say that      |
| 15 eggs, there's multiple factors. And           | 15 it affects it, because I've seen that      |
| 16 the demand would go along with the            | 16 happening and it's hard to explain.        |
| 17 supply.                                       | 17 BY MR. ALLEN:                              |
| 18 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 18 Q. Is another possible reason it           |
| 19 Q. But you said flock size is one             | 19 lists, "Planned supply for weeks between   |
| 20 of the factors that affects egg prices.       | 20 Easter and Labor Day."                     |
| 21 Right?  | 21 Do you see that?                           |
| 22 A. That's supply.                             | 22 A. Yes.                                    |
| 23 Q. So is it generally the case                | 23 Q. Is a possible reason for better         |
| 24 that it can affect the price in the sense     | 24 egg prices.                                |
| 25 that the bigger the flock size, the price     | 25 As you sit here today, based on            |
| 23 that the bigger the mock size, the price      | As you sit here today, based oil              |

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| <ul> <li>1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL</li> <li>2 across, it shows 2006 and 2007. It appears</li> <li>3 to show for each year the number of eggs in</li> </ul> |
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| 3 to show for each year the number of eggs in  |
|  |
| 4 million cases that were produced. In April   |
| 5 of 2006, it shows 17.97. And then in   |
| 6 April 2007, it shows 17.61. Do you not think   |
| 7 that that's production, egg production?  |
| 8 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can   |
| 9 answer it.   |
| 10 THE WITNESS: I don't know and I   |
| 11 don't know where these numbers came   |
| 12 from. I can't I'm not I can't   |
| 13 validate what these are.  |
| 14 BY MR. ALLEN:   |
| 15 Q. Did Rose Acre ever reduce egg  |
| 16 production between Easter and Labor Day to  |
| 17 increase egg prices?  |
| 18 MR. MONICA: Objection.  |
| 19 THE WITNESS: Rose Acre's has  |
| 20 a our flock department which  |
| 21 manages our egg production, works off   |
| 22 of 18-year cycles because of our  |
| 23 structure. We have Rose Acre, we  |
| have our own breeder farms. So   |
| 25 because of that, we raise our own eggs  |
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| 2 for their hatchery that then we  |
| 3 hatch that and then those go, in   |
| 4 turn the baby chicks go to our pullet  |
| 5 facilities where we grow them out  |
| 6 until the time they start laying legs,   |
| 7 and then they move to the laying   |
| 8 facility which they'll lay eggs up   |
| 9 till the time that they're sold out at   |
| the end of their laying cycle. So  |
| Rose Acre's, I don't know if there's   |
| 12 any time during a 12-month period that  |
| 13 we're not changing flocks, whether  |
| 14 we're whether we have flocks that   |
| 15 are going into molt or flocks that are  |
| 16 being sold out. So and all that's   |
| 17 planned out, like I said, on 18-month   |
| 18 cycles. So to ask me have we ever   |
| 19 removed flocks from Easter to Labor   |
| 20 Day, yes, we do, every year, but we   |
| 21 also remove flocks from Labor Day to  |
| 22 Easter. So it's a continual process   |
| 23 for us. It never ends.  |
| 24 MR. ALLEN: Mr. Rust, I think we   |
| 25 need to change the tape.  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end                  | 2 THE WITNESS: I don't have an                   |
| 3 of tape two in the videotape of Greg           | 3 opinion on it one way or the other.            |
| 4 Hinton. We're off the record at 2:14.          | 4 BY MR. ALLEN:                                  |
| 5  | 5 Q. Further down in the same slide              |
| 6 (A recess was taken.)                          | 6 it says, "UEP Certified companies have         |
| 7  | 7 reduced per house flock size by at least 25%   |
| 8 VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins tape                 | 8 since 2001."                                   |
| 9 three in the videotape deposition of           | 9 Do you know whether that's                     |
| 10 Greg Hinton. We're back on the record         | 10 accurate                                      |
| 11 at 2:20.                                      | 11 A. No, I don't.                               |
| 12 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 12 Q as of 2007?                                 |
| 13 Q. Mr. Hinton, I only have a few              | 13 A. I do not know that.                        |
| 14 more questions.                               | 14 MR. MONICA: I'm sorry, did you                |
| 15 Before the break we were                      | 15 say 2007?                                     |
| 16 discussing the PowerPoint slide on the        | 16 MR. ALLEN: I said as of 2007.                 |
| 17 document Bates numbered RA0069070. The top    | 17 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 |
| 18 of that slide, which is the third slide on    | 18 Q. I'm wondering whether it's                 |
| 19 the page says, "Possible Reasons For Better   | 19 accurate that UEP Certified companies have    |
| 20 Egg Prices." One of the reasons on the        | 20 reduced per house flock size by at least      |
| 21 slide, one of the possible reasons for better | 21 25 percent since 2001 as of 2007. Mr.         |
| 22 egg prices is earlier molt schedule. Is that  | 22 Hinton, you're saying you just don't know?    |
| 23 correct? Do you see that?                     | 23 A. Yeah, I don't know.                        |
| 24 A. That's what's written here,                | 24 Q. The slide is suggesting that               |
| 25 correct.                                      | 25 reducing the per house flock size is a        |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 Q. Based on your experience in the             | 2 possible reason for better egg prices. Based   |
| 3 egg industry, how could an earlier molt        | 3 on your experience in the egg industry, how    |
| 4 schedule lead to better egg prices?            | 4 could reducing the per house flock size        |
| 5 MR. MONICA: Objection. Calls                   | 5 increase egg prices?                           |
| 6 for speculation.                               | 6 MR. MONICA: Objection.                         |
| 7 THE WITNESS: Like I said, I've                 | 7 Mischaracterization of the slide.              |
| 8 not seen this document, I'm not going          | 8 Calls for speculation. You can                 |
| 9 to speculate on what they mean here.           | 9 answer.  |
| 10 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 10 THE WITNESS: Like I said                      |
| 11 Q. So is it your opinion that an              | before, I don't have an opinion one              |
| 12 earlier molt schedule would not lead to       | way or the other on that.                        |
| 13 better egg prices?                            | 13 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 |
| MR. MONICA: Objection.                           | 14 Q. This slide lists eight total               |
| 15 THE WITNESS: Like I've stated                 | 15 reasons, possible reasons for better egg      |
| before, there is a lot of reasons for            | 16 prices apparently in 2007 based on the first  |
| 17 egg prices and I stated with Rose             | 17 slide. Is it your opinion that these just     |
| 18 Acre's that we molt and sell out              | 18 aren't possible reasons for better egg prices |
| 19 flocks on a regular basis based on our        | 19 in 2007?                                      |
| 20 flock schedules.                              | 20 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        |
| 21 BY MR. ALLEN:                                 | 21 THE WITNESS: As I stated                      |
| Q. So is it your opinion that an                 | before, there's a lot of things                  |
| 23 earlier molt schedule would not lead to       | have affect on egg prices, and I'm not           |
| 24 better prices?                                | 24 going to speculate on why and who             |
| 25 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        | 25 created this slide when I've never            |

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| 2 seen it before, that I recall.   | 2 Off the record at 2:25.  |
| 3 BY MR. ALLEN:  | 3  |
| 4 Q. There's another possible reason   | 4 (A recess was taken.)  |
| 5 the slide shows, "USEM Exported 896 container  | 5  |
| 6 loads between November 1, 2006 and May 11,   | 6 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the  |
| 7 2007."   | 7 record at 2:30.  |
| 8 Do you see that?   | 8  |
| _  | 9 EXAMINATION  |
| 9 A. Yes, that's what's written 10 here.   | 9 EAAMINATION<br>10  |
|  | 11 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  |
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| 12 USEM exports in 2007?   |  |
| 13 A. Yes.   | 13 Schirmer. We briefly I briefly introduced   |
| Q. Based on your experience, is it   | 14 myself earlier. I represent the Indirect  |
| 15 possible that USEM exports could affect egg   | 15 Purchaser Plaintiffs. And I have some   |
| 16 prices?   | 16 questions for you.  |
| MR. MONICA: Objection.   | 17 A. Okay.  |
| 18 THE WITNESS: Like I stated  | 18 Q. If you don't understand  |
| before, there's many factors go into   | 19 anything I'm going to ask, I may not be   |
| 20 egg prices. I'm not going to  | 20 clear, please just say you don't understand   |
| 21 speculate myself on what's going to   | 21 and I'll do my best I can to clarify.   |
| 22 you know, exact cause of that.  | 22 A. All right.   |
| 23 BY MR. ALLEN:   | Q. Okay. Now, you've been you  |
| Q. Is it possible for based on   | 24 said you've been working for Rose Acre for 34   |
| 25 your experience, so you don't you just  | 25 years. Is that right?   |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  |
| 2 can't say whether the USEM export could ever   | 2 A. Yes.  |
| 3 affect egg prices. Is that your opinion?   | 3 Q. So you have a fair would you  |
| 4 MR. MONICA: Objection.   |  |
|  | 4 say you have a pretty good understanding of  |
| 5 Mischaracterizes his testimony.  | 5 Rose Acre as a company?  |
| 6 THE WITNESS: I'm not I said  | 5 Rose Acre as a company? 6 A. Yes.  |
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| 2 Q. Showing you what has been                   | 2 look at the last sentence in the regular     |
| 3 marked as Exhibit 36. Why don't you take a     | 3 type, not the italics type on this page. It  |
| 4 moment to look at it, sir. If you look in      | 4 says, "We work with customers to determine   |
| 5 the upper right-hand corner of it, it might    | 5 the required packaging type and size, and    |
| 6 give you some idea, might help you understand  | 6 then meet with customer design and marketing |
| 7 what you're looking at.                        | 7 teams to develop egg cartons that meet       |
| 8 A. [Reviewing document.] Okay.                 | 8 customer goals."                             |
| 9 Q. I'm showing you what has been               | 9 Would that be the people who                 |
| 10 marked as Exhibit 36. It was also marked as   | 10 are meeting to with the customers to help   |
| 11 Exhibit 36 for Marcus Rust's deposition. It   | 11 meet the customer goals, would those be     |
| 12 is I will say what it says on the upper       | 12 people who are under your supervision?      |
| 13 right-hand corner. It says, WWW.goodegg.com   | 13 A. Yes.                                     |
| 14 /b2b-services/retailers/custom-packaging.     | 14 Q. What is it exactly you're doing          |
| 15 Sir, what is this?                            | 15 when you're designing these egg cartons?    |
| 16 A. It would be a page off of our              | 16 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can              |
| 17 Web site.                                     | 17 answer.                                     |
| 18 Q. Would you, please, turn to the             | 18 THE WITNESS: The information                |
| 19 second page of this document where it says,   | 19 that the customer it may be in              |
| 20 "Custom Packaging" at the top?                | 20 most cases a lot of customers already       |
| 21 A. Yes.                                       | 21 have their own cartons. If they ask         |
| 22 Q. Where it says, "As a                       | for nutritional what's the correct             |
| 23 full-service egg supplier, we not only        | 23 nutritional, the most common question       |
| 24 deliver the product you want, we deliver it   | is, that we work with customers is to          |
| 25 in the packaging you envision."               | 25 make sure that we've got the                |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  |
| 2 What is your understanding of                  | 2 up-to-date or correct nutrition              |
| 3 the meaning of full-service egg supplier off   | 3 information. For example, about a            |
| 4 of your Web site?                              | 4 year and a half ago, I think it was          |
| 5 A. That we provide eggs in                     | 5 now two years, USDA, the standard on         |
| 6 different pack sizes the customer may want or  | 6 cholesterol was changed and so we            |
| 7 packs a meaning we would provide full          | 7 had we went to our customers and we          |
| 8 cases, half cases. We provide in different     | 8 worked with them to update their             |
| 9 kinds of packaging, whether it's a pulp        | 9 nutritional facts panel to make sure         |
| 10 carton, a foam carton, clear carton, two and  | 10 it was accurate and correct. We're          |
| 11 a half pack, six pack, and in the different   | 11 getting ready to do that again because      |
| 12 sizes being super jumbos, jumbos, extra       | the government is coming out with some         |
| 13 large, large, medium and small eggs and loose | new guidelines that we've got to put           |
| 14 eggs for food service.                        | 14 new nutritional information on the          |
| 15 Q. What is a private packer label?            | 15 thing. There are certain states that        |
| 16 A. That would be customers on                 | have requirements. What comes to mind          |
| 17 brand. I'd refer it as a customer's own       | is Maryland. When you put your net             |
| 18 private branded carton.                       | 18 weights, you have to have certain           |
| 19 Q. For example, if you were to                | height and character, and so we would          |
| 20 sell to Kroger, would that be a Kroger brand? | 20 assist customers then to make sure          |
| 21 A. Yes, it would.                             | 21 that they get their packaging correct       |
| Q. Now, what is a packer label?                  | 22 for the states they're selling into.        |
| 23 A. That would be my Rose Acre                 | 23 That's an example.                          |
| 24 brand.  | 24 Legal lines is another thing                |
| 25 Q. Now, do you ever would you                 | 25 that we would assist them with.             |

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| 2 Certain states, for example, Texas,                   | 2 A. Yes.   |
| 3 for every egg you sell in Texas, you                  | 3 Q. I'm showing you what is to be                      |
| 4 have to list produce the pack by                      | 4 marked as Hendrix-37 Hinton-37 which was              |
| 5 Texas license number, dot, dot,                       | 5 previously marked as Exhibit 34 in the Rust           |
| 6 whatever your number may be, and the                  | 6 deposition.   |
| 7 company name and address. So we've                    | 7   |
| 8 had customers that we'll review with                  | 8 (Exhibit Hinton-37, Printout                          |
| 9 them even if though they may not have                 | 9 from home page, was marked for                        |
| 10 a warehouse in Texas, but if they have               | 10 identification.)                                     |
| 11 stores, they move into Texas, we would               | 11  |
| have to contact them, we work with                      | 12 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                                     |
| them to make sure that that document                    | 13 Q. I'm showing you what has been                     |
| 14 is right. And then the customer                      | 14 marked as Hinton-37. What is it?                     |
| 15 sometimes will want to change cartons.               | 15 A. Pardon?   |
| 16 They want like, say they're in a                     | 16 Q. What is it?                                       |
| 17 foam carton and they want to move to a               | 17 A. It's a printout from our home                     |
| 18 pulp or a pulp label carton or a clear               | 18 page.  |
| 19 carton, we would we work between                     | 19 Q. Please look at                                    |
| 20 our customer and a lot of many of                    | 20 A. Our current home page.                            |
| 21 the customers have their own artwork                 | 21 Q I believe the second page of                       |
| departments so we would work with                       | 22 the document that starts off "Rose Acre Farms        |
| 23 their artwork department and then kind               | 23 Commodity Eggs"?                                     |
| 24 of back and forth between the carton                 | 24 A. Yes.  |
| 25 company, carton manufacturer and the                 | 25 Q. In the second sentence you say,                   |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL           | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL           |
| 2 customer to coordinate those efforts                  | 2 "Because we built our egg production around a         |
| 3 back and forth. If a customer                         | 3 vertical integration model, we can ensure the         |
| 4 requires a if a customer                              | 4 best feed for and best treatment of our               |
| 5 requires if they want to have a                       | 5 animals, which leads to best quality                  |
| 6 USDA shielded product, all shielded                   | 6 products."  |
| 7 any carton you put a USDA shield on we                | 7 What do you mean by what                              |
| 8 have to submit it to USDA for label                   | 8 does Rose Acre mean by "a vertical                    |
| 9 approval process and then they come                   | 9 integration model"?                                   |
| back, assign a number and we go back,                   | 10 A. Vertically integrated, as we                      |
| 11 give our the customer the number                     | 11 refer to it, would be that we have as I              |
| 12 that has to go in a small box                        | 12 kind of went through some of it earlier, but         |
| 13 underneath the shield. And then that                 | 13 I'll go through it in more detail for you.           |
| 14 goes back to the carton company and                  | 14 We have our own breeder farms. So we buy day         |
| 15 then a copy of that artwork has to be                | 15 old chicks and then we raise those which             |
| 16 given to the USDA inspector at the                   | 16 are breeder, day old breeder chicks. And we          |
| 17 plant that they'll allow us to pack                  | 17 raise those in our own company houses. We            |
| that carton with the shield on it. So                   | 18 gather the eggs from since we have                   |
| 19 those are just I went through                        | 19 roosters and chickens and roosters, and we           |
| several, but that would just be some                    | 20 gather the eggs from the breeder farm, take          |
| of the examples.  | 21 it to our own company hatchery where the eggs        |
| 22 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                                     | 22 are incubated, the baby chicks are hatched,          |
| Q. Now, just a minute ago, I asked                      | 23 and from there the baby chicks are taken to a        |
| 24 you if you would consider Rose Acre to be            | 24 pullet facility where we raise them up until         |
| 25 vertically integrated?                               | 25 about 16, 17 weeks old, and then those birds         |

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| 2 are transferred to a layer facility, one of           | 2 are on site with our layer farms so Rose                |
| 3 our many layer facilities. Then once they're          | 3 Acre's, we buy grain from local area farmers.           |
| 4 in the layer facility, all of our Rose Acre           | 4 We buy the corn. We also have a soybean                 |
| 5 housing is, as we would term, also vertically         | 5 crushing plant in Seymour, Indiana that we              |
| 6 integrated that the eggs are laid and                 | 6 crush soybeans and produce some of our own              |
| 7 gathered. Within 24 hours of time of lay,             | 7 soybean meal. We also buy soybean meal on               |
| 8 the eggs are gathered, they come onto belts           | 8 the outside. So all the feed that we're                 |
| 9 out of the houses onto a main conveyor belt,          | 9 feeding our birds, we have control, we grind            |
| 10 that conveyor belt then brings them into the         | 10 the corn, take the meal, add our vitamin               |
| 11 processing building where the eggs are washed        | 11 premix. And then in some cases the mills are           |
| 12 and sanitized and graded, inspected and              | 12 in line with the farm so it's direct auger to          |
| 13 graded for size and grade. They are then             | 13 the chickens. The others we have feed trucks           |
| 14 packed into individual loose packs for egg           | 14 that go around and put the grain in the bins.          |
| 15 cartons. From that standpoint, the cartons           | 15 So we have knowledge, since we feed we                 |
| 16 are loose or placed into egg cases. Those            | 16 grow all of our baby chicks, we produce all            |
| 17 cases are then sent through the line where           | 17 our feed, we feed our birds, that's why we             |
| 18 they're taped, sealed and then stacked on the        |   |
|   | 18 deem ourselves as a vertically integrated 19 producer. |
| 19 pallets and then put into the egg cooler             | 1   |
| 20 awaiting shipment to our customers.                  | , ,   |
| 21 With that, on our egg products,                      | 21 you said you have trucks. Do you also have             |
| 22 the same, similar process, but when they get         | 22 trucks that you use to deliver your products           |
| 23 to the after they're washed and sanitized,           | 23 to the customers?                                      |
| 24 the eggs are then sent to a on a separate            | 24 A. In some case yes, we do have                        |
| 25 belt back into our breaking plant where those        | 25 trucks that we we utilize our own trucks               |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL           | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL             |
| 2 eggs then are the eggs are broken, the                | 2 to deliver eggs. We rely on outside carriers            |
| 3 liquid, they're either broken for a whole egg         | 3 as well as customer pickups.                            |
| 4 or separated for egg whites and egg yolk.             | 4 Q. What are customer pickups?                           |
| 5 That product then goes through filters and            | 5 A. Where the customer would                             |
| 6 then is put into holding tanks waiting                | 6 arrange for their own transportation.                   |
| 7 further processing. We would then pull the            | 7 Whether they use their own company-owned                |
| 8 product from the tanks, go through our                | 8 trucks to pick up the eggs or whether they              |
| 9 pasteurizers. From the pasteurizers, they             | 9 hire a truck that they arrange for pick up at           |
| 10 would then go into a bulk for bulk shipment,         | 10 our at the farm. They pick up the eggs                 |
| 11 for customers that buy tanker loads or to our        | 11 right at the farm.                                     |
| 12 packaging line where we would further pack           | 12 Q. What is a commodity egg? The                        |
| 13 into anywhere from a one pound gable top             | 13 language is commodity eggs. What is a                  |
| 14 carton for retail sales to a 2,000 pound tote        | 14 commodity egg?   |
| 15 for industry bakeries. From that point,              | 15 A. A commodity egg I would term an                     |
| 16 those products are placed into a cooler which        | 16 egg that's a non-specialty egg.                        |
| 17 is colder than the shell egg cooler. Shell           | 17 Q. Let's drill on that. What                           |
| 18 egg is mandatory 45 degrees, where all of our        | 18 would be your term for a specialty egg?                |
| 19 liquid egg products we keep between 38 35            | 19 A. A specialty egg would be an egg                     |
| 20 and 38 degrees where it's held for shipment          | 20 that there's several eggs fall into                    |
| 21 to the customer.                                     | 21 special egg category, the simplest breakdown           |
| 22 So our vertically integrate                          | 22 would be organic eggs would be I would                 |
| 23 I'm sorry, I left out one step in that.              | 23 call a specialty egg. Cage free eggs would             |
| 24 Our Rose Acre's, we have I think it's                | 24 be another category for specialty eggs. And            |
| 25 approximately 15 feed mills. The feed mills          | 25 then nutritionally enhanced egg would be a             |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 third category for a specialty egg. And       | 2 restaurants, and as part of that, David we     |
| 3 free and then there's a free range egg        | 3 didn't have anything quite like this at the    |
| 4 that would be a specialty range also. I       | 4 time when David came to work for us, so David  |
| 5 think that's                                  | 5 took it upon himself to gather information     |
| 6 Q. Based on your experience of                | 6 and put he was pretty much given a free        |
| 7 selling does Rose Acre sell a series of       | 7 rein to work on food service and whatever he   |
| 8 specialty eggs?                               | 8 thought he needed to do. So he put this        |
| 9 A. Yes, we do.                                | 9 together which, when he would go out and make  |
| 10 Q. Based on your experience as the           | 10 sales calls on prospective new customers,     |
| 11 vice president of sales of Rose Acre, are    | 11 this is the information that he had compiled  |
| 12 the is there a different pricing structure   | 12 to go and have meetings and talk to customers |
| 13 for specialty eggs than commodity eggs?      | 13 about.  |
| 14 A. Yes, there is.                            | 14 Q. Was this document ever provided            |
| 15 Q. How so?                                   | 15 to customers?                                 |
| 16 A. In almost all cases, our                  | 16 A. I believe so, yeah. I think                |
| 17 specialty eggs are sold at a fixed price,    | 17 David I believe David used this in his        |
| 18 unlike the majority of our commodity eggs.   | 18 meetings with customers, to my knowledge. I   |
| 19 Commodity eggs are more often sold off of    | 19 don't know okay. Let me go back.              |
| 20 market basis versus a fixed price, but not   | 20 I don't know if there are                     |
| 21 always.                                      | 21 some things in here where there's e-mails, I  |
| 22  | 22 doubt if that was given to customers. I       |
| 23 (Exhibit Hinton-38, Vendor                   | 23 mean, I'm sorry, I don't want to the whole    |
| 24 Profile - Company Description, Bates         | 24 document may not be given to customers. When  |
| 25 RA0005033 - RA0005043, was marked for        | 25 you told me to look at the first few pages, I |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 identification.)                              | 2 mean the description about the company and     |
| 3   | 3 company capabilities and things were, but I    |
| 4 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                              | 4 don't know, I think you had an e-mail          |
| 5 Q. I'm showing you what is marked             | 5 attached to this that that wouldn't have been  |
| 6 as Hinton-38. I'm sorry, I have two of        | 6 given to customers.                            |
| 7 these. This was previously marked as, I       | 7 Q. Is there an e-mail attached to              |
| 8 believe it's Hendrix-1, DPP-1. It bears       | 8 it?  |
| 9 Bates number RA0005033 through 5043. Why      | 9 A. I thought I saw one.                        |
| 10 don't you have a look at it, review it for a | 10 MR. MONICA: There's several                   |
| 11 moment, and I'm going to have a number of    | 11 documents attached.                           |
| 12 questions about it.                          | 12 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                              |
| 13 A. Okay. [Reviewing document.]               | 13 Q. I didn't think there was an                |
| 14 Q. I promise I won't ask you about           | 14 e-mail attached, if there is.                 |
| 15 the schedule on the last couple of pages.    | 15 MR. MONICA: Right here.                       |
| 16 A. Oh, only this one. Okay.                  | 16 MR. SCHIRMER: What page is                    |
| 17 Q. All right. What is this                   | 17 that?   |
| 18 document?                                    | 18 THE WITNESS: These documents                  |
| 19 A. This was a document that was              | 19 that wouldn't have been given to the          |
| 20 put together by a previous salesperson that  | 20 customer.                                     |
| 21 worked for me, David T. Grout.               | 21 MR. MONICA: 5032 is the Bates                 |
| 22 Q. What was the purpose, why did             | 22 stamp.  |
| 23 he put this document together?               | 23 THE WITNESS: I mean, there                    |
| 24 A. David was hired to work on a              | 24 might have been, not to I guess               |
| 25 food service, food service accounts,         | 25 when you say all customers, there may         |
| 25 100d set vice, 100d set vice accounts,       | which you say an customers, there may            |

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| Page 186  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL 2 have been, if we want to specifically 2 Service Industry vs. Retail." Take a quick | Page 188                                |
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| 2 have been, if we want to specifically 2 Service Industry vs. Retail." Take a quick   | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| 3 talk about that, we can, but 3 look at those and I'll ask you a question.  |   |
| 4 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  4 A. The domestic international.   |   |
| 5 Q. Excuse me, the e-mail should 5 Q. Yes, there's two  |   |
| 6 does not belong as part of should not have 6 A. Food services, I'm sorry.  |   |
| 7 been a part of the document.  7 Q. There's two sections right  |   |
| 8 A. Okay. 8 there. Where it says, "Where are Rose Acre  |   |
| 9 Q. I have no doubt that you did 9 Products" and "Food Service Industry vs.   |   |
| 10 not provide that e-mail to a client. That  10 Retail." Take a quick look at those and I'll  |   |
| 11 shouldn't have been part of it. Forgive me. 11 ask you a question.  |   |
| 12 It's my fault, I put it on there. 12 A. "(domestic, international),"  |   |
| 13 Please look at 13 is that   |   |
| 14 A. One more statement. This at 14 Q. Yes. Those two there are   |   |
| 15 the back of this document is a new supplier 15 two  |   |
| 16 form, I think, that specifically talks about 16 A. Oh, Food Service I'm sorry.  |   |
| 17 one customer. So that document, the new 17 Q. There's two sections right  |   |
| 18 supplier information form in the back, that 18 there. Where are Rose Acre Products:   |   |
| 19 would not have been given in general to 19 (domestic, international)," Food Service   |   |
| 20 customers other than possibly the customer 20 Industry vs. Retail." It's in black letters   |   |
| 21 that's specified in that document.  21 bigger than the others.  |   |
| 22 Q. Would you, please, take a look 22 A. Okay.   |   |
| 23 at the third page, RA0005035 in the lower 23 Q. It says you supply eggs across  |   |
| 24 right-hand corner. There's a section that  24 the country from Maine to California. Was   |   |
| 25 says, "Sales," about midway down 5035.  25 that correct at the time this document was   |   |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | •                                       |
| 2 A. Yes. 2 written?   |   |
| 3 Q. It says, "The sales department 3 A. Yes.  |   |
| 4 consists of Executive V.P. of Sales" Is 4 Q. Is it correct today?  |   |
| 5 that you? 5 A. Today, I believe we still have  |   |
| 6 A. No, it's not. 6 some customers, I'm not positive if I have  |   |
| 7 Q. Who would that be? 7 any eggs going into Maine today.   |   |
| 8 A. That would be Marcus Rust. 8 Q. Could you supply customers in   |   |
| 9 Q. And "five office sales 9 Maine today?   |   |
| 10 positions and four field sales positions." 10 A. Absolutely.  |   |
| 11 Would one of those be you? 11 Q. Could you supply customers   |   |
| 12 A. Yes. 12 anyplace in the United States today?   |   |
| 13 Q. Now, would you turn to the next 13 A. Yes.   |   |
| 14 page, 5036. It says, "We have about an 8% 14 Q. The next sentence, it says,   |   |
| 15 share of the shell egg market, and we are the 15 Internationally it says,   |   |
| 16 second largest egg producer in the nation." 16 "Internationally," I promise to slow down.   |   |
| To your to your knowledge, 17 "we ship dry products to Japan, Mexico,  |   |
| 18 is that a correct statement? 18 Europe (Spain, European Union), and China."   |   |
| 19 A. At 19 Was that correct at the time   |   |
| 20 Q. At this time when David created 20 this was written?   |   |
| 21 this document. 21 A. Yes.   |   |
| 22 A. Yes. 22 Q. Is it correct today?  |   |
| 23 Q. Now, turn to the next page. 23 A. No.  |   |
| 24 There's two things I want to ask you about. 24 Q. What is incorrect about it?   |   |
| 25 "Where are Rose Acre Products" and "Food 25 A. I don't currently today, I'm   |   |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 not shipping dry products I've had some                      | 2 A. Yes, it has.                               |
| 3 in the past year I've had some go to China,                  | 3 Q. Prior to between 2000 and                  |
| 4 Europe, and the EU. I don't recall any sales                 | 4 2008, is the 68/32 breakdown of retail versus |
| 5 to Europe this past year on dried. Mexico                    | 5 egg product, retail shell eggs versus egg     |
| 6 and Japan, I don't have anything currently                   | 6 products a reasonable approximation of Rose   |
| 7 going there. I'm working on I'm working                      | 7 Acre's mix of sales?                          |
| 8 with Japan right now on some dried products                  | 8 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can                |
| 9 as we today.   | 9 answer.                                       |
| 10 Q. Between 2000 and 2008, would it                          | 10 THE WITNESS: Can you read that               |
| 11 be fair to say that you that Rose Acre                      | 11 again, it was a long                         |
|  | 12 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             |
| 12 shipped dry products to Japan, Mexico, Europe 13 and China? |   |
|  | 13 Q. I'll rephrase it.                         |
| 14 A. Yes.   | Would the 68 percent retail                     |
| 15 Q. The next point down it says,                             | 15 shell eggs and 32 percent egg products be a  |
| 16 "Food Service Industry vs. Retail." Earlier                 | 16 reasonable approximation of Rose Acre's      |
| 17 today you said you didn't recall what the                   | 17 approximate mix of sales during the period   |
| 18 approximate breakdown for shell egg market,                 | 18 2000 through 2008?                           |
| 19 what percentage of your sales are shell eggs                | MR. MONICA: Objection.                          |
| 20 versus egg products   | 20 THE WITNESS: Our it was that                 |
| 21 MR. MONICA: Objection. I'm                                  | 21 approximate it was in that                   |
| sorry, when you're done I'll object                            | 22 approximate range.                           |
| 23 when you're done. My bad.                                   | 23  |
| 24 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  | 24 (Exhibit Hinton-39, New Supplier             |
| 25 Q egg products.   | 25 Information Form, Bates RA0005046 -          |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 Does this document refresh your                              | 2 RA0005048, was marked for                     |
| 3 recollection as to the approximate percentage                | 3 identification.)                              |
| 4 of Rose Acre sales that are retail shell eggs                | 4   |
| 5 and egg products for food service                            | 5 COURT REPORTER: He wants it                   |
| 6 manufacturers and industrial applications?                   | 6 first.  |
| 7 MR. MONICA: I'll object to the                               | 7 MR. MONICA: The only reason I                 |
| 8 characterization of his prior                                | 8 ask is that we've had highly                  |
| 9 testimony. You can answer.                                   | 9 confidential issue at other depos. I          |
| 10 THE WITNESS: I don't there                                  | just want to make sure before I give            |
| 11 was some question asked earlier today,                      | 11 it to the witness.                           |
| but that's not the specific question                           | 12 MR. SCHIRMER: Anything that is               |
| as I recall that was asked to me. But                          | 13 highly confidential comes from your          |
| does this correctly reflect at that                            | 14 files. I swear.                              |
| 15 time our sales of shell eggs and egg                        | MR. MONICA: It could come from                  |
| 16 products, yes.  | 16 a competitor's files.                        |
| 17 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  | 17 THE WITNESS: That was in the                 |
| 18 Q. Would that be approximately the                          | back of this other one, just so you             |
| 19 mix of shell eggs and egg products today?                   | 19 know.  |
| 20 A. Today it's shifted a little                              | 20 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             |
| 21 bit. We're probably more 27, 28 percent egg                 | 21 Q. I separated it out because I              |
| 22 products and remainder shell.                               | 22 wanted to ask you about it separately.       |
| 23 Q. So it's gone, the egg products                           | 23 A. Okay.                                     |
| 24 have gone down a little bit since the date                  | Q. I'm showing you what has been                |
| 25 this was  | 25 marked as Exhibit 39. It bears Bates numbers |

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| 2 RA0005046 through 5048. What is it?            | 2 What does that mean?                                  |
| 3 A. It's a questionnaire from                   | 3 MR. MONICA: Objection.                                |
| 4 Sysco. It's a "NEW SUPPLIER INFORMATION        | 4 THE WITNESS: It means that                            |
| 5 FORM" given to us by Sysco Food Service that   | 5 depending on what the customer is                     |
| 6 David would have filled out, David Grout.      | 6 looking for, we're able to accommodate                |
| 7 Q. That's David Grout on the first             | 7 them with monthly, quarterly,                         |
| 8 page under "Supplier Contact"?                 | 8 bi-annually or annual prices for their                |
| 9 A. Yes, it is.                                 | 9 products.   |
| 10 Q. I'd like you to turn to the                | 10 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                                     |
| 11 third page of the document, page 3. I take    | 11 Q. Would this be where it says                       |
| 12 it, there's number 17 I want you to look      | 12 you're setting these rates off of the Urner          |
| 13 at number 17.                                 | 13 Barry markets for all our products shell to          |
| 14 A. Okay.                                      | 14 liquid to dry on quarterly, bi-annually,             |
| 15 Q. In light of your testimony a               | 15 annually, is that the Rose Acre market?              |
| 16 few minutes ago, I take it you would agree    | 16 A. It's in this example here,                        |
| 17 that the answer, "We serve world wide. All    | 17 it's talking about the Urner Barry market,           |
| 18 locations in the USA are able to be           | 18 which is spelled wrong.                              |
| 19 distributed to" is a correct statement?       | 19 Q. Look down at number 27, please.                   |
| 20 A. Yes, it is.                                | 20 The last there's a sentence that says,               |
| 21 Q. Now, look at number 22. Where              | 21 "This can be set to your terms, however we           |
| 22 it says, "WHAT IS YOUR PRICING STRUCTURE."    | 22 usually sell product at a set cost." What            |
| 23 I'd like you to look at the third sentence    | 23 does that mean?                                      |
| 24 where it says, the first sentence says, "We   | 24 MR. MONICA: Objection.                               |
| 25 set" there's the question, "WHAT IS           | 25 THE WITNESS: The Sigma                               |
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| 2 YOUR PRICING STRUCTURE," and then the first    | 2 they're referring the question is                     |
| 3 sentence, We set up our pricing structure      | 3 asking about the Sigma Program. Sigma                 |
| 4 depending on the customer's markets needs      | 4 has a Sysco/Sigma, they would                         |
| 5 and desires. I assume that's correct?          | 5 have we're going to go into talking                   |
| 6 A. Yes.  | 6 about specific customers. Okay to                     |
| 7 Q. "This includes FOB. Delivered               | 7 talk about  |
| 8 to specific locations, and Cost Average        | 8 MR. MONICA: Yes.                                      |
| 9 Delivery." What is cost average delivery?      | 9 THE WITNESS: Okay.                                    |
| 10 A. In this specific case when                 | 10 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                                     |
| 11 we're talking about Sysco, Sysco has multiple | 11 Q. You can talk about it in                          |
| 12 warehouse locations and they may ask us       | 12 general if you prefer.                               |
| 13 instead of having and it may be on the        | 13 A. Well, okay. Let's say they                        |
| 14 same truck so we may go to multiple stops.    | 14 have a they would ask us to build into               |
| 15 So instead of having a different price, you   | 15 their pricing funds that would be given back         |
| 16 would take the entire, as we would call       | 16 to national mark national, regional and              |
| 17 route, and you would average the freight and  | 17 local marketing funds, so it was up to them          |
| 18 then give so you're billing each warehouse    | 18 to determine what those if they tell us              |
| 19 the same freight rather than having a         | 19 what those funds are that they want added to         |
| 20 different freight rate for each warehouse.    | 20 our base price, we would add it in and then          |
| 21 Q. The next sentence says, "In                | 21 rebate that money back to them.                      |
| 22 addition we set up pricing terms on monthly,  | 22 Q. So generally you sell on a set                    |
| 23 quarterly, bi-annually and annually rates off | 23 price  |
|  | 25 price  |
| 24 the Urnabary markets for all our products     | 24 MR. MONICA: Objection.                               |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 Q without rebates. Is that                    | 2 Q. What would be what is Urner                |
| 3 what this is saying?                          | 3 Barry exactly?                                |
| 4 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        | 4 A. Urner Barry is a market                    |
| 5 THE WITNESS: No. If a                         | 5 reporting service for many different          |
| 6 customer if a customer would ask              | 6 products; eggs, poultry, a lot of seafood. I  |
| 7 for that specific program, it's common        | 7 don't know if they get into beef markets or   |
| 8 in food service it's a very common            | 8 not. But I know they do I know they do        |
| 9 practice in the food service business,        | 9 chicken and you know, poultry, eggs and       |
| but not necessarily in the retail               | 10 seafood for sure.                            |
| 11 shelling business.                           | 11 Q. I'm showing you what is to be             |
| 12 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             | 12 marked as Exhibit 40, previously marked      |
| 13 Q. Put that one away. I don't                | 13 Exhibit 42 in the Rust deposition.           |
| 14 think I'm going to have any more questions.  | 14  |
| Turn to earlier today we                        | 15 (Exhibit Hinton-40, Urner                    |
| 16 talked a little bit about some of the        | 16 Barry's Price-Current, Bates                 |
| 17 committees you were on with the UEP and the  | 17 KEL00003257 - KEL00003259, was marked        |
| 18 UEA. Do you remember that?                   | 18 for identification.)                         |
| 19 A. Yes.                                      | 19  |
| Q. One of the committees was the                | 20 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             |
| 21 Price Discovery Committee or the Marketing   | 21 Q. What is this document?                    |
| 22 Price Discovery Committee, same thing?       | 22 A. Looks like it's "Urner Barry's            |
| 23 A. Yes.                                      | 23 Price-Current" is the heading of it.         |
| 24 Q. What was your understanding of            | 24 Q. Have you ever seen one of these           |
| 25 the Price Discovery Committee's function?    | 25 before?                                      |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 A. I don't remember exactly. I                | 2 A. Yes.                                       |
| 3 talked about the only thing I did talk        | 3 Q. Do you receive Urner Barry's               |
| 4 about was I remember the grade yield size     | 4 Price-Current releases on a regular basis?    |
| 5 loss being the discussion point. But other    | 5 A. No. We subscribe to Urner                  |
| 6 than that, I don't remember all the           | 6 Barry's online service called Comtell.        |
| 7 functions, if any.                            | 7 Q. Does Comtell have information              |
| 8 Q. Would you, please, pull out                | 8 similar to this price sheet?                  |
| 9 Exhibit Number 2 from earlier today.          | 9 A. Yes, it does.                              |
| 10 A. I take it it's at the bottom?             | 10 Q. And it has this as you're                 |
| 11 Q. Yes. It is the minutes of the             | 11 looking at 42, which for anybody for any     |
| 12 Price Discovery Committee meeting Shell      | 12 person who is not bored off the phone, bears |
| 13 Egg Price Discovery Committee Meeting,       | 13 KEL00003257 through 3259. On page number 1,  |
| 14 June 7, 2002. The first full paragraph after | 14 it contains a statement egg products at the  |
| 15 everyone is named, it says, "Baker reported  | 15 top, price per pound.                        |
| 16 that the purpose of the meeting was to       | 16 A. Yes.                                      |
| 17 develop recommendations for Urner Barry that | 17 Q. Is that information available             |
| 18 could improve the price discovery system     | 18 in the Comtell system?                       |
| 19 regardless of the supply demand conditions." | 19 A. Yes, it is.                               |
| 20 Do you have an understanding of              | Q. Is all the information listed                |
| 21 what that sentence means?                    | 21 on this front page of the type that is       |
| 22 MR. MONICA: Objection.                       | 22 available in the Comtell system?             |
| 23 THE WITNESS: No, I don't                     | 23 MR. MONICA: Take your time,                  |
| 24 remember.                                    | 24 please.                                      |
| 25 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             | 25 THE WITNESS: In general it is,               |

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| 2 but this is 2004, so the format is  | 2 Comtell lists lots of government reports.                                   |
| 3 different, and I don't know if there's  | 3 And I think you can access the government,                                  |
| 4 some items that are no longer, I would  | 4 the USDA report through the Comtell site.                                   |
| 5 have to look today and compare it, but  | 5 But I don't know, I don't know I'm not                                      |
| 6 in general information, that's similar  | 6 aware that Urner Barry would do it. But                                     |
| 7 information is available today on   | 7 they I think you can access the government                                  |
| 8 Comtell.  | 8 information through the Comtell.  |
| 9 MR. MONICA: I'm going to object   | 9 Q. As part of your job as the   |
| 10 to the middle column, because I don't  | 10 you're the head of sales now?  |
| 11 know if you're drawing a distinction.  | 11 A. Yes, I am.  |
| 12 I think it's a confusing question,   | 12 Q. As part of your job   |
| 13 especially the middle column.  | 13 A. For Rose Acre Farms.  |
| 14 THE WITNESS: The what?   | 14 Q. For Rose Acre obviously only  |
| 15 BY MR. SCHIRMER:   | 15 for Rose Acre.   |
| 16 Q. He's talking about where it   | 16 As part of your job as the head  |
| 17 says, "EGG SITUATION," and there's   | 17 of sales for Rose Acre and previously as a                                 |
| 18 essentially a commentary. Is that  | 18 part of your job as a member of the sales                                  |
| 19 A. All right. Urner Barry on   | 19 staff, did you as part of your ordinary                                    |
| 20 the Comtell system today, Urner Barry,   | 20 course of business review the price  |
| 21 there's a mid-morning tone that is published                                       | 21 quotations listed on Comtell or the Urner                                  |
| 22 on Comtell each day. At the end of each day  | 22 Barry system on a regular basis?   |
| 23 there is I don't know if it's every day, I   | 23 A. The price reported on yes, I  |
| 24 can't recall for sure, but there's some  | 24 did.   |
| 25 commentary that is published on the Comtell  | 25 Q. Could we would it be fair to  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                 |
| 2 system.   | 2 say that strike that.   |
| 3 Q. During the period 2000 to 2008,  | Why would you review the Urner  |
| 4 did Rose Acre subscribe to the Comtell  | 4 Barry data on a regular basis?  |
| 5 system?   | 5 A. Because I sell eggs off of   |
| 6 A. I'm not sure when Comtell  | 6 in a relationship to the Urner Barry market.                                |
| 7 started exactly. I don't remember what year   | 7 Q. Would you agree that the Urner   |
| 8 it was actually available as Comtell. It's  | 8 Barry prices are a benchmark for prices in                                  |
| 9 possible, but I can't remember the year.  | 9 the industry?   |
| 10 Q. During the period 2008 2002   | 10 MR. MONICA: Objection to the   |
| 11 to 2008, did Rose Acre either subscribe to   | 11 term "benchmark." You can answer.  |
| 12 the Comtell system or a system that would  | 12 THE WITNESS: They the Urner  |
| 13 give Urner Barry Current or price sheet  | Barry, the numbers reflect and report   |
| 14 system so that it would give similar   | on Urner Barry for shell eggs, I would  |
| 15 information to the information of the prices                                       | 15 refer to as a benchmark, but not for                                       |
| 16 of egg products and regional table grade eggs                                      | 16 egg products.  |
| 17 listed on the first page of Exhibit 42?  | 17  |
| 18 A. Yes.  | 18 (Exhibit Hinton-41, E-mail   |
| 19 Q. Now, did the Comtell system   | 19 chain, Bates RAUPDATE0007136, was  |
| 20 also provide information about the retail  | 20 marked for identification.)  |
| 21 prices of eggs?  | 21  |
| 22 A. Urner Barry, that I recall,   | 22 MR. SCHIRMER: I'll show you  |
| ·, ·,   |   |
| 23 does not do any for any retail reporting of  | 23 Exhibit 41 in just a moment.   |
| 23 does not do any for any retail reporting of 24 eggs, USDA does. And with what USDA | <ul><li>23 Exhibit 41 in just a moment.</li><li>24 BY MR. SCHIRMER:</li></ul> |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 marked as Exhibit 41, carrying Bates stamp     | 2 I'm sorry.                                    |
| 3 label RAUPDATE0007136.                         | 3 A. Sorry.                                     |
| 4 A. It's  | 4 Q. Now, "21 for private label                 |
| 5 Q. What is it?                                 | 5 for Save-A-Lot and Aldi," was that off the    |
| 6 A. It's an e-mail from myself to               | 6 Rose Acre or the Urner Barry market?          |
| 7 Marcus Rust.                                   | 7 A. Private labels were sold off               |
| 8 Q. With an e-mail from Marcus Rust             | 8 the Urner Barry market.                       |
| 9 back to you at the top of it. Is that right?   | 9 Q. That's all on that.                        |
| 10 A. Yes, it is.                                | 10 Would you, please, look at                   |
| 11 Q. In the first sentence of the               | 11 Exhibit 29 for a moment. It's a letter from  |
| 12 portion of the e-mail from you to Mr. Rust    | 12 you, you recall, to John Gregorich of Kraft  |
| 13 dated Monday, September 13, 2004, it says, "I | 13 Foods. Is that right?                        |
| 14 think that to pick up new business we are     | 14 A. Yes.                                      |
| 15 going to have to consider -21 back for        | 15 Q. The last sentence of the first            |
| 16 private label."                               | 16 paragraph, "Any day that Urner Barry doesn't |
| What did you mean when you                       | 17 quote a certified market, we will use the    |
| 18 wrote that?                                   | 18 non-certified market quote for that day."    |
| 19 A. That for private label which               | What does that mean?                            |
| 20 refers to the customer brand eggs, that as a  | 20 A. Urner Barry has a for liquid              |
| 21 base price, that to move our market to 21     | 21 eggs, they have a certified market and a     |
| 22 to go 21 back as a guideline when we're       | 22 non-certified market. And at that time if    |
| 23 backing customers.                            | 23 there wasn't what I was stating is if        |
| 24 Q. 21 back of what?                           | 24 there's not a certified market, if Urner     |
| 25 A. 21 back of the Urner Barry                 | 25 Barry doesn't report a certified market on a |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 market.  | 2 given day, that we would use the              |
| 3 Q. Now, the last sentence of that              | 3 non-certified quote for that day.             |
| 4 paragraph says, "We are at a base of -22 for   | 4 Q. Does Urner Barry have a                    |
| 5 RA/Dutchfarms in Chicago and at -21 for        | 5 certified quote for shell eggs?               |
| 6 private label for Save-A-Lot and Aldi."        | 6 A. Not today, no.                             |
| 7 What did you mean when you say                 | 7 Q. Did they during the period 2000            |
| 8 "We are at a base of -22 for RA/Dutchfarms in  | 8 to 2008?                                      |
| 9 Chicago"?                                      | 9 A. I believe there was a period               |
| 10 A. RA means Rose Acre/ we had a               | 10 they had, I don't know exactly when it was.  |
| 11 dual label that had Rose Acre and Dutch       | 11 Q. Was that quote a national quote           |
| 12 Farms' name on it. It was a dual branded      | 12 or was that a was that broken down by        |
| 13 carton for that customer, for Dutch Farms.    | 13 region?                                      |
| 14 Q. That means 22 off of the Urner             | 14 A. On the certified quote?                   |
| 15 Barry number?                                 | 15 Q. Yes.                                      |
| 16 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        | 16 A. I don't recall. Today we have             |
| 17 THE WITNESS: When was this?                   | 17 basically five regional quotes, but I can't  |
| 18 2004. I believe without looking at            | 18 remember.                                    |
| 19 records, it may have been the Rose            | 19 Q. When you say today we have five           |
| 20 Acre market, not the Urner Barry              | 20 regional quotes, does that you're talking    |
| 21 market for the Rose Acre/Dutch Farms          | 21 about in general for Urner Barry's           |
| 22 product. But I'd have to look at              | 22 A. Shell eggs, I'm sorry.                    |
| 23 records for sure.                             | 23 Q shell eggs. As I understood                |
| 24 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                              | 24 your testimony, there is not currently a     |
| 25 Q. Didn't mean to interrupt you,              | 25 shell egg certified quote separate from the  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 general shell eggs quote?                     | 2 when I quit preparing a document like this.    |
| 3 A. Correct, for shell eggs.                   | 3 But it was a monthly report that was that      |
| 4 Q. But there is one for liquid                | 4 I prepared to give out to and I don't          |
| 5 eggs?   | 5 did all the members get it? Yeah. That I       |
| 6 A. Yes, there is.                             | 6 prepared and give to the Board, but I          |
| 7 Q. Is that on a regional basis or             | 7 don't like I said, I don't recall the time     |
| 8 is that on a national basis?                  | 8 frame that I did this report.                  |
| 9 A. National basis.                            | 9 Q. I will represent to you that                |
| 10  | 10 you at least did it in 2007 and 2008. You     |
| 11 (Exhibit Hinton-42, August 2008              | 11 said you no longer prepare it. When did you   |
| 12 Sales Report, Bates RAUPDATE0019887 &        | 12 stop preparing this type of document?         |
| 13 RAUPDATE0019888, was marked for              | 13 A. I don't remember.                          |
| 14 identification.)                             | 14 Q. What caused you did somebody               |
| 15  | 15 else prepare this document?                   |
| 16 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             | 16 A. No. If there's no document                 |
| 17 Q. I'm showing you what has been             | 17 like this prepared anymore.                   |
| 18 marked Hinton-42. This is a document, yes,   | 18 Q. And you don't recall when it               |
| 19 it says, "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL," but Greg     | 19 was stopped?                                  |
| 20 Hinton wrote it, so                          | 20 A. No, I don't.                               |
| 21 MR. MONICA: I won't object in                | 21 Q. Look at the first sentence.                |
| 22 that case.                                   | 22 "The Midwest UB large began the month at      |
| 23 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             | 23 \$1.10 fell to 97¢ for two weeks and then has |
| 24 Q. It bears Bates label                      | 24 rebounded to a current market of \$1.14."     |
| 25 RAUPDATE0019887 through 19888. I'm really    | 25 Do you see that?                              |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 just interested in the first couple of        | 2 A. Yes.  |
| 3 paragraphs. But have a look. You see on the   | 3 Q. What is the Midwest UB large?               |
| 4 second page it says, "Thanks Greg Hinton      | 4 A. That would be the Midwest Urner             |
| 5 8/8/08." What is this document?               | 5 Barry large egg report, egg market.            |
| 6 A. This is a document that was                | 6 Q. And it says in the third                    |
| 7 prepared for the Board of Directors of Rose   | 7 sentence, "Mediums have dropped from 91¢ to    |
| 8 Acre Farms.                                   | 8 78¢ and has only rebounded to 81¢." Is that    |
| 9 Q. Do you prepare it?                         | 9 referring to the Midwest Urner Barry market    |
| 10 A. Yes. I used to.                           | 10 quotation?                                    |
| 11 Q. Why don't we follow up right              | 11 A. For medium eggs, correct.                  |
| 12 there. What do you mean you used to prepare  | 12 Q. Why do you use the in your                 |
| 13 this, let's say this type of report?         | 13 reports to the Board, why did you use the     |
| 14 A. I just don't do this particular           | 14 Midwest Urner Barry quotation?                |
| 15 document anymore.                            | 15 A. Because that's the region that             |
| 16 Q. Is this a report that was                 | 16 we're located in. Our main headquarters, a    |
| 17 prepared or is still strike that. I          | 17 lot of our firms are in the Midwest so I just |
| 18 object to that.                              | 18 report I just would list what the Urner       |
| 19 Is this a type of document that              | 19 Barry was for the Midwest.                    |
| 20 is prepared during the period 2000-2008 that | 20 Q. As would you use it as an                  |
| 21 was prepared on a periodic basis for the     | 21 example of what the egg market is doing for   |
| 22 Board of Directors?                          | 22 the Board?                                    |
| 23 A. I prepared it, I can't tell               | 23 A. Yes.                                       |
| 24 you, I don't remember exact dates when I     | 24 MR. SCHIRMER: Could we take a                 |
| 25 started doing a report like this or exactly  | 25 short break?                                  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL           |
| 2 MR. MONICA: Sure.  | 2 earlier, it's the USDA title of it is                 |
| 3 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the                               | 3 "USDA Weekly Retail Shell Feature Activity."          |
| 4 record at 3:28.  | 4 Q. You said that you could I                          |
| 5  | 5 believe you said you could access that                |
| 6 (A recess was taken.)                                      | 6 through the Comtell system?                           |
| 7  | 7 A. I said I think you may be able                     |
| 8 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on                               | 8 to get to this through Comtell. It's                  |
| 9 the record at 3:48.  | 9 published on the USDA AMS's Web site, but I           |
| D BY MR. SCHIRMER:   | 10 said that I think you can get to this through        |
| 1 Q. Mr. Hinton, as a salesperson,                           | 11 the Comtell site. Yes.                               |
| 2 over the period 2002 to 2008 and today, was                | 12 Q. I didn't want to misstate what                    |
| 3 part of your job following the markets for                 | 13 you said.  |
| 4 eggs?  | 14 Do you review document, this                         |
| 5 A. I guess, what do you mean by                            | 15 kind of information on a periodic basis as           |
| 6 "following the markets"?                                   |   |
| 7 Q. Do you have to know what's                              | 16 part of your job as a head of sales at Rose 17 Acre? |
|  |   |
| 8 going on in the market in the market for                   | 18 A. The retail activity, USDA's                       |
| 9 eggs in order to help price and sell your                  | 19 report, I can recall maybe looking at it a           |
| 0 product?   | 20 couple times a year. I don't use this as the         |
| 1 A. Which market are you talking                            | 21 course of my business, no.                           |
| 2 about?   | Q. But you do review the                                |
| Q. Let's how about the market                                | 23 quotations on the Urner Barry system on a            |
| 4 for retail market for shell eggs.                          | 24 periodic basis?                                      |
| 5 A. But what market are you                                 | 25 A. The Urner Barry, yes, I do.                       |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL           |
| 2 referring to?  | 2 MR. SCHIRMER: I'm showing you                         |
| Q. Is there more than one retail                             | 3 what is to be marked as Hinton-44.                    |
| 4 market for shell eggs?                                     | 4   |
| A. Is there a specific market you                            | 5 (Exhibit Hinton-44, E-mails,                          |
| 6 want to ask me about?                                      | 6 Bates RAUPDATE0044684, was marked for                 |
| 7 MR. SCHIRMER: Please mark this                             | 7 identification.)                                      |
| 8 one 43.  | 8   |
| 9  | 9 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                                      |
| 0 (Exhibit Hinton-43, USDA Weekly                            | 10 Q. It bears Bates number                             |
| Retail Shell Feature Activity, Bates                         | 11 RAUPDATE0044684. What is it?                         |
| 2 RA0007500 & RA0007501, was marked for                      | 12 A. It's an e-mail trail or an                        |
| 3 identification.)   | 13 e-mail. I don't know if it's a trail, it's           |
| 4  | 14 an e-mail. There's a couple looks like               |
| 5 BY MR. SCHIRMER:   | 15 one a couple different e-mails here.                 |
| 6 Q. Please look at what has been                            | 16 Q. At the top there's an e-mail                      |
| 7 marked as Hinton-43, bearing Bates numbers                 | 17 that is from you to Marcus Rust. Is that             |
| 8 RA 007500 and RA0007501.                                   | 18 correct? Which forwards a previous e-mail            |
| A. [Reviewing document.]                                     | 19 from Kevin Whaley to Kevin Whaley, Greg              |
| Q. Do you have an understanding                              | 20 Hinton, Sean Delano and Bill Bradley. Is             |
| Q. Do you have an understanding                              | 1 . , ,   |
| what this document is?                                       | 21 that right?  |
|  | _   |
| 1 what this document is?                                     | 21 that right?  |
| 1 what this document is? 2 A. Yes. I've seen a document like | 21 that right? 22 A. Yes.                               |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | Page 220 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                      |
| 2 A. Country Creek Farms.  | 2 exactly what you're trying to understand.                                 |
| 3 Q. What is Country Creek Farms?  | 3 A. The e-mail, the date and time,   |
| 4 A. They sell eggs to well, they  | 4 it's the same day later. Let's see, 2008.                                 |
| 5 sell food, they sell eggs along with some  | 5 The gist of it is he's asking me if the egg                               |
| 6 other food products.   | 6 program with regard to some of the customers                              |
| 7 Q. Is it do they sell shell  | 7 he mentions in the first e-mail, the                                      |
| 8 eggs?  | 8 differences between their egg program and the                             |
| 9 A. Yes, they sell shell eggs.  | 9 Wal-Mart egg program is what he's asking.                                 |
| 10 They sell some liquid eggs. And I know  | 10 Q. Was CCF Brands on the Wal-Mart  |
| 11 they I think they sell bagels and they  | 11 program?   |
| 12 sell they might sell pies and gosh,   | 12 A. We sold eggs to CCF going to  |
| 13 what else. They sell some other food  | 13 Wal-Mart. Well, so CCF was our we sold                                   |
| 14 products.   | 14 CCF who sold to Wal-Mart.  |
| 15 Q. Do they sell to, directly to   | 15 Q. What is the Wal-Mart program or                                       |
| 16 consumers?  | 16 was it at the time?  |
| 17 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.   | 17 A. What do you mean by date  |
| 18 Q. To whom  | 18 that   |
| 19 A. To supermarkets.   | 19 Q. It says, the "If we made  |
| 20 Q. And Sean Delano, who is Sean   | 20 them equal, what would have to be dropped                                |
| 21 Delano?   | 21 from the walmart program?"   |
| 22 A. She works for CCF Brands as  | 22 What's the Wal-Mart program?   |
| 23 well.   | 23 What does that mean?   |
| 24 Q. Do you know what his position  | 24 A. He's referring in this case,  |
| 25 is?   | 25 the Wal-Mart program, he would be referring                              |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                               |
| 2 A. 2008  | 2 to the Wal-Mart specifications.   |
| 3 Q. What his position was in 2008?  | 3 Q. Now, please look at number 9   |
| 4 A. He worked with well, with me  | 4 where he says, "Etc." "What other   |
| 5 he worked with shell eggs, I don't know  | 5 differences that make retails lower?" Do you                              |
| 6 exactly what his title, you know, would have   | 6 have an understanding of what Mr. Whaley was                              |
| 7 been what else he worked on there, but I   | 7 talking about there?  |
| 8 worked with him on shell eggs.   | 8 A. No, I don't.   |
| 9 Q. If you look at the portion of   | 9 Q. A little while ago you were  |
| 10 the message that is forwarded from Kevin  | 10 speaking to Mr. Allen, I believe, and you                                |
| 11 Whaley to you, among others, it says what   | 11 testified you don't there are a number of                                |
| 12 at the pricing I'm comparing in this e-mail 13 to the previous two weeks. What I really | 12 factors that contribute to the egg price                                 |
| 14 need to more thoroughly understand is in  | 13 of eggs in the market. Am I right there?  14 A. I don't recall the exact |
| 15 reference to the total program cost   | 15 wording, but there are I would agree that                                |
| 16 difference.   | 16 there's a lot of factors that affect the                                 |
| 17 As you sit here, do you know  | 17 price of eggs in the market.   |
| 18 what you meant what he meant by "total  | 18 Q. And during that time now,   |
| 19 program cost difference"? Look down at the  | 19 did you ever send projections to the egg                                 |
| 20 bottom, the e-mail from Whaley to you.  | 20 market to clients like Kraft or other of your                            |
| 21 A. I was you asked me and I was   | 21 clients, your customers?   |
| 22 reading through the whole thing so I could  | 22 A. Projections, I would.   |
| 23 see if I can draw a conclusion to what that   | 23 Q. Well, did you ever go ahead.  |
| 24 was.  | 24 A. Yes, I've been asked for  |
| 25 Q. I'm trying to understand   | 25 customers to give them an idea of what                                   |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL             |
| 2 they because they asked me, they say for                                     | 2 A. That was Don Bell's, the                             |
| 3 their budget purposes, they need to give                                     | 3 numbers from Don Bell's report, the year-end            |
| 4 reports based on what we see that the market                                 | 4 inventory of number of layers in the United             |
| 5 may be doing and I would I've sent reports                                   | 5 States.   |
| 6 to customers giving them my best guess on                                    | 6 Q. Now, down at the bottom you                          |
| 7 what the market might do what the market                                     | 7 have a section, or near the bottom of this              |
| 8 may be doing in the future, but obviously no                                 | 8 first page, RAUPDATE0008335, you have a                 |
| 9 idea what it will do, but just my best idea.                                 | 9 section called "Projections." Do you see                |
| 10 I've done that, yes.  | 10 that?  |
|  | 11 A. Yes.  |
|  | 12 Q. The third sentence down states,                     |
| 12 them your best guess, you wouldn't lie to 13 your customer?                 |   |
|  | 13 As always there is always the possibility of           |
| 14 A. No. I would give them my best,   | 14 disease that could change everything.                  |
| 15 honest guess.   | 15 A. Yes.  |
| 16 Q. I'm showing you what is to be 17 marked Hinton Number 45. It bears Bates | 16 Q. What does that mean? 17 A. That's referring to many |
|  |   |
| 18 numbers RAUPDATE0008335 and 36.   | 18 different diseases. One of the main ones               |
| 19   | 19 that we face every day is the concern about            |
| 20 (Exhibit Hinton-45, 7/2/04  | 20 avian influenza like to just kind of                   |
| 21 E-mail, Bates RAUPDATE0008335 &   | 21 ravaged the Mexican egg market, the egg                |
| 22 RAUPDATE0008336, was marked for   | 22 industry in Mexico for the last couple of              |
| 23 identification.)  | 23 years. The U.S., our biggest incident with             |
| 24   | 24 that was in back in '93 when 11 million                |
| 25 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  | 25 birds were culled in the State of                      |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL             |
| 2 Q. Have you had a moment to look   | 2 Pennsylvania because of avian influenza. And            |
| 3 at it, sir?  | 3 then since then it's we see it occur every              |
| 4 A. Yes.  | 4 year throughout the world, a lot of it                  |
| 5 Q. What is it?   | 5 mainly in Asia, but there's a huge concern              |
| 6 A. It's an e-mail that I sent to   | 6 about what's going on in Mexico right now,              |
| 7 Bradley Katz at Kraft Foods.   | 7 that that doesn't get into the U.S. So avian            |
| 8 Q. In this you provide Don Bell's  | 8 influenza is the largest. The other would be            |
| 9 projection for the large shell egg market for                                | 9 Exotic Newcastle Disease, Merricks, for                 |
| 10 the balance of 2004-2005. Who is Don Bell?                                  | 10 example, that we are we've had our                     |
| 11 A. He is an economist for, I  | 11 company experienced the last couple of years           |
| 12 believe it's Cal I think Cal State  | 12 with the problem. So a disease in your                 |
| 13 Fullerton. And he works he also does some                                   | 13 business can be one of the single biggest              |
| 14 work with the today with the Egg Industry                                   | 14 factors that can affect egg supply.                    |
| 15 Center in Ames, Iowa.   | 15 Q. Because it leads to birds being                     |
| 16 Q. The second the third   | 16 taken out of production?                               |
| 17 sentence in this e-mail, this is an e-mail                                  | 17 A. Because it would kill your bird                     |
| 18 from you to Bradley Katz of Kraft?  | 18 or impair the production of that bird, yes.            |
| 19 A. Correct.   | 19 Q. Now, you said that a disease in                     |
| 20 Q. You say the year-end inventory   | 20 the business can be one of the single biggest          |
| 21 is projected to be 287.3 million compared to                                | 21 factors that can affect egg supply. The                |
| 22 279.5 million at the end of 2003. What do                                   | 22 reason you note that here is because that              |
| 23 you mean by what did you mean when you                                      | 23 could affect the price of eggs?                        |
| 24 said when you talked about the year-end                                     | 24 A. If you tomorrow if 11                               |
| 25 inventory?  | 25 million birds die in the U.S., yes, it will            |

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| 2 affect the price of eggs.   | 2 effect would that have on the price of eggs?   |
| 3 Q. At the bottom of this and the  | 3 MR. MONICA: Objection.   |
| 4 top of the next page, you also say talk   | 4 THE WITNESS: In Rose as I've   |
| 5 about "Current 59 Square inches. It depends   | 5 stated before, in Rose Acre's case, we   |
| 6 on how many birds are added to offset the   | 6 continue to add production ever since  |
| 7 increase of cage space."  | 7 1980s since I've been with the   |
| 8 MR. MONICA: He only has   | 8 company. We're building then and   |
| 9 one page.   | 9 we're building today. So we never did  |
| 10 THE WITNESS: I only have one   | 10 stop building.  |
| 11 page.  | 11 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  |
| MS. CRABTREE: We wrote on it.   | 12 Q. I understand that. That's not  |
| 13  | 13 what you're saying to your client here. Are   |
| 14 (A discussion off the record   | 14 you saying that this only relates to Rose   |
| 15 occurred.)   | 15 Acre?   |
| 16  | 16 MR. MONICA: Objection.  |
| MR. MONICA: Keep that together.   | 17 Argumentative.  |
| 18 BY MR. SCHIRMER:   | 18 THE WITNESS: This is my   |
| 19 Q. "Current 59 Square inches."   | 19 projection that I provided to my  |
| 20 What's that mean?  | 20 customer.   |
| 21 A. That's "Current 59 Square   | 21 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  |
| 22 inches" is referring to the UEP Certified Egg  | 22 Q. And you said Rose Acre   |
| 23 Program, Animal Welfare Program.   | 23 continued to add capacity during the entire   |
| 24 Q. And why would you put what  | 24 time. Are you aware of any documents  |
| 25 was the purpose of informing Mr. Katz about  | 25 produced by Rose Acre which compare the   |
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| 17 I will, I promise.  18 A. I didn't think so.  18 process, you plan your schedule, so if  19 Q. I was just announcing in case  20 there is someone still on the phone.  21 Do you recognize what's been  22 what has been marked as Hinton-47?  23 know how many as I say for our  18 process, you plan your schedule, so if  19 he's looking at chick hatches, he  20 knows how many chickens are coming.  21 Does that I mean, generally that's  22 what I would but you would need to   | 15 A. Okay. I'm sorry.                        | what he wrote, and my thinking would          |
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| 19 Q. I was just announcing in case 20 there is someone still on the phone. 21 Do you recognize what's been 22 what has been marked as Hinton-47?  19 he's looking at chick hatches, he 20 knows how many chickens are coming. 21 Does that I mean, generally that's 22 what I would but you would need to   | ·   |   |
| 21 Do you recognize what's been 22 what has been marked as Hinton-47? 21 Does that I mean, generally that's 22 what I would but you would need to  | 19 Q. I was just announcing in case           | he's looking at chick hatches, he             |
| 21 Do you recognize what's been 22 what has been marked as Hinton-47? 21 Does that I mean, generally that's 22 what I would but you would need to  | 20 there is someone still on the phone.       | 20 knows how many chickens are coming.        |
| 22 what has been marked as Hinton-47?  22 what I would but you would need to   |   |   |
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| 1 x · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  | 23 A. I don't specifically remember           | 23 ask Don exactly, but that would be my      |
| 24 it, but it's an e-mail, it's an e-mail 24 thought, he's trying to predict the   |   |   |
| 25 communication with myself and the buyer at 25 because part of Don's report also   | 25 communication with myself and the buyer at |   |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 along with the projections, he   | 2 A. My guess is Mesavage. Yes.                 |
| 3 projects out layer numbers in the U.S.                                       | 3 Q. In this e-mail, this is an                 |
| 4 also, how many chickens. That's part   | 4 e-mail you the first one is an e-mail you     |
| 5 of his report.   | 5 wrote, is it or is it an e-mail you wrote?    |
| 6 BY MR. SCHIRMER:   | 6 MR. MONICA: Objection as to                   |
| 7 Q. To your understanding, is the   | 7 first.  |
| 8 number of layers a significant factor in the                                 | 8 MR. SCHIRMER: The top, one on                 |
| 9 price of eggs?   | 9 the top. How about that?                      |
| 10 MR. MONICA: Objection. Asked  | 10 THE WITNESS: I wrote this top                |
| 11 and answered.   | 11 e-mail, yes.                                 |
| 12 THE WITNESS: Demand is a  | 12 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             |
| significant factor, that I would say   | 13 Q. Now, in the third sentence                |
| 14 is a big significant factor in the  | 14 down, you say, "Over the last two years we   |
| 15 price of eggs. But because you  | 15 have seen the flock size run between 280-285 |
| you had to you'd have to go to a   | 16 million birds. This is down from a high of   |
| certain point in time if you want to   | 17 around 290"                                  |
| talk about numbers compared to demand  | 18 Do you recall where you from                 |
| 19 to draw a conclusion to that.   | 19 where you received that information?         |
| 20 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  | 20 A. I would think it would have               |
| 21 Q. Who is Ann Mesavage? Do you  | 21 been from Don Bell's, Don Bell's report.     |
| 22 know who Ann Mesavage is? I may be  | 22 Q. Now, in the next sentence                 |
| 23 pronouncing it wrong.   | 23 talks about prediction for January 2009. The |
| 24 A. Not off the top of my head, no.  | 24 following sentence says, "The number of      |
| 25   | 25 layers is the most significant factor in the |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL   |
| 2 (Exhibit Hinton-48, E-mail   | 2 price of eggs." Would you agree with          |
| 3 chain, Bates RAUPDATE0018104, was  | 3 yourself that that is that that is the        |
| 4 marked for identification.)  | 4 case?   |
| 5  | 5 A. That's what I wrote then. I                |
| 6 BY MR. SCHIRMER:   | 6 don't necessarily agree with myself now.      |
| 7 Q. I'm showing you what has been   | 7 Because like I stated earlier today, this     |
| 8 marked as Hinton-48. Take a moment to look                                   | 8 past February, I saw the highest number of    |
| 9 at it.   | 9 layers we ever had, and we had the highest    |
| 10 A. [Reviewing document.]  | 10 egg market of all time. So demand, today my  |
| 11 Q. Prior to today and other than  | 11 thinking on that is changed.                 |
| 12 talking with your lawyer, have you ever seen                                | 12 Q. At the time was that an                   |
| 13 this document before?   | 13 accurate statement of your view?             |
| 14 A. I my it's an e-mail, so  | 14 A. Like I said, I don't remember             |
| 15 I've we made an e-mail reply, so, yes. I                                    | 15 exactly writing this, but that's what I      |
| 16 don't particularly remember it, but   | 16 stated. That's what I wrote then.            |
| 17 Q. It bears RAUPDATE0018104. It's   | 17 Q. You didn't lie to her when you            |
| 18 labeled a highly confidential document. It                                  | 18 wrote it?                                    |
| 19 says at the top of it, it says, "From:                                      | 19 MR. MONICA: Objection.                       |
| 20 Greg Hinton <a href="mailto:goodegg.com">ghinton@webmail.goodegg.com</a> ." | 20 THE WITNESS: No, I would not                 |
| 21 Is that your e-mail address?  | 21 have lied to my customer.                    |
| 22 A. I'm not sure about the webmail,  | 22 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                             |
| 23 but goodegg.com is.   | 23 Q. I didn't think so.                        |
| 24 Q. I was trying to say it   | 24 The next sentence you say, "All              |
| 25 correctly, what is her name, do you know?                                   | 25 the other issues (feed, energy, animal       |
| , .,   | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,           |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                      | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                      |
| 2 welfare guidelines,) affect the number of                        | 2 different factors that effect egg production                     |
| 3 layers."   | 3 costs vs the egg market."  |
| 4 Is that an accurate was that                                     | 4 Do you see that?   |
| 5 an accurate statement at the time it was                         | 5 A. Yes.  |
| 6 made?  | 6 Q. Now, you said number 1 is                                     |
| 7 MR. MONICA: Objection. Calls                                     | 7 "Production costs would be #1 feed"                              |
| 8 for an expert opinion.   | 8 Do you see that?   |
| 9 MR. SCHIRMER: Excuse me, what                                    | 9 A. Yes.  |
| 10 was the objection?  | 10 O. Is that the main variable cost                               |
| 11 MR. MONICA: Calls for expert                                    | 11 for the production of eggs, to your                             |
| 12 opinion. You're asking if those                                 | 12 understanding?  |
| 13 things are true.  | 13 A. Yes.   |
| 14 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  | 14 Q. You say number 2, the  |
| 15 Q. Did you say something was false                              | 15 "reduction of flock to meet animal care                         |
| 16 when you said, all the other issues (feed,                      | 16 guidelines" Why is that a production cost                       |
| 17 animal energy, Animal Welfare Guidelines,)                      | 17 in your understanding?  |
| 18 affect the number of layers?                                    | 18 A. In my understanding, if you put                              |
| 19 MR. MONICA: Different question.                                 | 19 less chickens per square inch on your farm                      |
| 20 MR. SCHIRMER: It's the same                                     | 20 and your other costs remain, your variable                      |
| 21 question.   | 21 costs remain the same, it's going to increase                   |
| 22 THE WITNESS: That's what I                                      | 22 your production costs.  |
| 23 wrote.  | 23 Q. Is that because the capital                                  |
| 24 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  | 24 cost per layer go up?   |
| 25 Q. To your knowledge, was it                                    | 25 MR. MONICA: Objection. You can                                  |
| Page 239  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL 2 correct? | Page 241  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  2 answer. |
| 3 A. That's part of it, yes. I                                     | 3 THE WITNESS: The capital cost.                                   |
| 4 mean, what I said, and I obviously don't have                    | 4 It would increase your cost per layer                            |
| 5 everything listed, but that was some other                       | 5 if you yes. It would increase your                               |
| 6 issues I did bring up, yes.                                      | 6 cost per layer.  |
| 7 Q. Now, for a moment you just                                    | 7 BY MR. SCHIRMER:   |
| 8 said a separate question struck me. You                          | 8 Q. That's a better answer than my                                |
| 9 said that this February you saw that the                         | 9 question probably.   |
| 10 eggs, number of layers was high, but so was                     | Right under that it says, "Egg                                     |
| 11 the price. Was demand for eggs at an all                        | 11 Market," number 1 is "Flock size," number 2                     |
| 12 time high this February?  | 12 is "demand," and number 3 is "exports." What                    |
| 13 A. It had yes, it was amazingly                                 | 13 did you mean when you wrote that?                               |
| 14 high.   | 14 A. The flock size, demand, and                                  |
| 15 Q. That's sort of the next                                      | 15 exports, it all refers to supply and demand                     |
| 16 sentence in this, just like Econ 101, the                       | 16 as I stated earlier in the when I quoted                        |
| 17 other side is demand.   | 17 Econ 101.   |
| 18 MR. MONICA: Objection as to                                     | 18 Q. Okay. We may come back to                                    |
| 19 form.   | 19 that.   |
| 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, demand has an                                 | 20 MR. SCHIRMER: Exhibit 49,                                       |
| 21 affect.   | 21 please.   |
| 22 BY MR. SCHIRMER:  | 22   |
| 23 Q. So now, you say there are                                    | 23 (Exhibit Hinton-49, E-mail                                      |
| 24 different factors. You said on Friday, 18,                      | 24 chain, Bates RAUPDATE0005158 &                                  |
| 25 July 2008, a little further down, "There are                    | 25 RAUPDATE0005159, was marked for                                 |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 identification.)                               | 2 if, in fact, birdS the flocks we do molt       |
| 3  | 3 or replace flocks, we try to have a majority   |
| 4 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                               | 4 of them fall into a period that would be       |
| 5 Q. I'm showing you what has been               | 5 after Christmas and after Easter is how our    |
| 6 marked as Hinton Exhibit 49, bearing Bates     | 6 flock department would try to time those. So   |
| 7 number RAUPDATE0005158 through 5159. Do you    | 7 we're because we're like I said before,        |
| 8 recognize the document?                        | 8 we've always got flocks in molt, we're always  |
|  | 9 selling out, but we try to time it more to     |
|  |  |
| 10 but it's an e-mail from myself to Nancy       | 10 meet the demand. The goal would be to have    |
| 11 Beatty, the buyer at the time at Cracker      | 11 our flocks in peak production during a        |
| 12 Barrel.                                       | 12 holiday and lower production after the        |
| Q. Underneath it, that's the top                 | 13 holidays. We are that's what we strive to     |
| 14 e-mail on the page, on page RAUPDATE0005158.  | 14 do.   |
| 15 Underneath that is an e-mail from Nancy       | 15 Q. So maybe I'm trying to                     |
| 16 Beatty to you and Ken Paramore?               | 16 understand this. So Rose Acre tries to        |
| 17 A. Yes.                                       | 17 schedule its molt or sell out so that it is   |
| 18 Q. Who is Ken Paramore, at that               | 18 engaging in peak production when it           |
| 19 time?   | 19 anticipates peak demand and the best prices?  |
| 20 A. At that time Ken Paramore was              | 20 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        |
| 21 vice president of sales at Cal-Maine Foods.   | 21 THE WITNESS: Well, peak demand,               |
| 22 Q. Did Cal-Maine who is Nancy                 | 22 it's not always the best prices, but          |
| 23 Beatty, first let's get that?                 | 23 we hope so. We hope that the holiday          |
| 24 A. Nancy is the buyer at Cracker              | 24 demand has because we need that to            |
| 25 Barrel, and Cal-Maine was one of the          | 25 survive.                                      |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 suppliers to Cracker Barrel.                   | 2 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                               |
| 3 Q. And during this period of time,             | 3 Q. I hope you do survive.                      |
| 4 was Rose Acre Farms a supplier to Cracker      | 4 You said the next sentence                     |
| 5 Barrel?  | 5 says, "The wild card in the egg market is      |
| 6 A. Yes, we were.                               | 6 disease," and you talk about the highest       |
| 7 Q. Was Cal-Maine one of your                   | 7 markets after an outbreak of either Exotic     |
| 8 competitors?                                   | 8 Newcastle or AI, I guess that's avian          |
| 9 A. Yes, they were.                             | 9 influenza?                                     |
| 10 Q. In your response to Ms. Beatty,            | 10 A. Yes, it is.                                |
| 11 at the end of the first paragraph you said,   | 11 Q. That refers to the discussion              |
| 12 "There is a low point after each holiday      | 12 we had just a few minutes ago?                |
| 13 period; but then the market will rebound      | 13 A. Yes, it did or does. Yes,                  |
| 14 because of molt or sell out schedules."       | 14 it does.                                      |
| What did you mean when you                       | 15 Q. It refers to                               |
| 16 wrote that, sir?                              | 16 A. That discussion.                           |
| 17 A. It refers to like for Rose                 | 17 Q that type of discussion                     |
| 18 Acre's when I talk about the low point,       | 18 where if 11 million birds die from avian      |
| 19 meaning demand, a dip in demand after a       | 19 influenza, obviously the supply goes down and |
| 20 holiday, and our flock department would       | 20 price goes up?                                |
| 21 when you because we go all the way back to    | 21 MR. MONICA: Objection.                        |
| 22 the breeders, we try to time our placement of | 22 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                              |
| 23 chicks or eggs first starts with the          | 23 Q. Isn't that what you testified?             |
| 24 hatchery. So we place our we time our         | 24 A. If 11 million birds die                    |
| 25 hatching to our schedule flocks, to our       | 25 tomorrow, the price will go up, yes, I        |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL     | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                           |
| 2 testified to that.                              | 2 to take all of the various products sold by                           |
| 3 Q. Now, a little further down you               | 3 various companies who were part of it and                             |
| 4 say, "The longer we see lower prices the more   | 4 sell them under a single brand name?                                  |
| 5 bird numbers are usually reduced, causing the   | 5 A. I don't know, you're saying  |
| 6 market to rebound at a much higher level."      | 6 MR. MONICA: He doesn't know   |
| 7 What did you mean by that?                      | 7 what Mr. Rust said probably.  |
| 8 A. As egg producers, we go we                   | 8 Objection.  |
| 9 can go through long periods of time, even       | 9 THE WITNESS: Right. I don't   |
| 10 years that we lose money. And what I was       | 10 I guess I'll answer that. You're                                     |
| 11 referring to that is that after producers      | 11 saying you're putting I don't  |
| 12 lose money for long lengths, and even years,   | 12 know that Mr. Rust said that, I guess,                               |
| 13 that sometimes that would result in producers  | is what my answer would be. So if you                                   |
| 14 maybe either going out of business or          | 14 want to ask it a different   |
| 15 changing their business model that would       | 15 BY MR. SCHIRMER:   |
| 16 result then in the markets making a change     | 16 Q. Was it your understanding   |
| 17 in the marketplace, impacting the marketplace. | 17 A. If you want to ask it a   |
| 18 Q. You said, "to rebound at a                  | 18 different  |
| 19 much higher level," what do you mean when you  | 19 Q that all the egg breaking  |
| 20 said that?                                     | 20 groups would have one company that would be                          |
| 21 A. Higher level than where we were             | 21 sold, with the products that would be sold                           |
| 22 losing money at is what I would have been      | 22 under a single label?  |
| 23 referring to.                                  | 23 A. We developed we were  |
| 24 MR. SCHIRMER: We're getting to                 | 24 developing a single brand called Chef Select                         |
| 25 the end of the tape, why don't we take         | 25 to market the products under. I can't say                            |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL     | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                           |
| 2 a very five minutes. I don't have               | 2 that we would have everything would have                              |
| 3 a lot more.                                     | 3 always been sold under that brand, but we                             |
| 4 VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end                   | 4 were developing a brand that we could                                 |
| 5 of tape three in the videotape                  | 5 Certified Egg Products would use to market                            |
| 6 deposition of Greg Hinton. Off the              | 6 product.  |
| 7 record at 4:35.                                 | 7 Q. Now, Mr you said Mr. Rust  |
| 8   | 8 was the CEO of that company, or the chairman?                         |
| 9 (A recess was taken.)                           | 9 A. He was chairman.   |
| 10  | 10 Q. You said a little earlier today                                   |
| 11 VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins tape                 | 11 that you didn't know whose vision it was. Do                         |
| four in the videotape deposition of               | 12 you know if Mr. Rust was one of the people                           |
| 13 Greg Hinton. We are back on the                | 13 who helped develop the idea of Certified Egg                         |
| 14 record at 4:44.                                | 14 Products as a company?   |
| 15 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                               | 15 A. Yes, I believe so.  |
| 16 Q. A follow up on something that               | 16 Q. Okay. Showing you what will be                                    |
| 17 Matt pointed out for me. You were talking      | 17 marked as Hinton-50.   |
| 18 about the company Certified Egg Products, the  | 18 10 (Eyhikit Hinton 50 2/28/02  |
| 19 co-op?   | 19 (Exhibit Hinton-50, 2/28/03<br>20 E-mail, Bates RAUPDATE0005560, was |
| 20 A. Yes. 21 O. They never actually sold         |   |
| 21 Q. They never actually sold 22 anything?       | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,                                   |
| 22 anything? 23 A. Yes.                           | 22  |
| 24 Q. Would you agree with Mr. Rust               | 24 Q. It bears Bates number   |
| 25 that the idea of Certified Egg Products was    | 25 RAUPDATE0005560. What is it?   |
| 25 that the fued of Certified Egg Froducts was    | 25 KAROLDATEOOOSSOO. WHATIS II:   |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | Page 252  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 A. It's an e-mail from myself to,              | 2 the animalcertified program will take                 |
| 3 it says J. Harris, but then Candy, it's to     | 3 place with chicks hatched April 1, 2005 when          |
| 4 someone at Cracker Barrel.                     | 4 we go from 59 square inches to 61 per bird."          |
| 5 Q. Do you remember who the person              | 5 Why were you providing him with                       |
| 6 you were sending this e-mail to was?           | 6 that information?                                     |
| 7 A. Well, I titled it Candy.                    | 7 A. Because that's what was part of                    |
| 8 Q. Do you know who Candy might be?             | 8 the Certified Program, and I gave him what            |
| 9 A. I think Candy was the buyer.                | 9 the next placement was for that program.              |
| 10 Q. And when you wrote this, this              | 10 Q. Why would that be relevant to                     |
| 11 accurately reflected what you what your       | 11 an e-mail titled subject, "Price forecast"?          |
| 12 what the projections you were providing to    | 12 A. Just information I provided to                    |
| 13 her or him was? Did this accurately reflect   | 13 my customer, sir.                                    |
| 14 your views at the time? Let's do it that      | 14 Q. Why does he need to know that?                    |
| 15 way.  | 15 Why is it relevant to him?                           |
| 16 A. 11 years ago I wrote this.                 | 16 MR. MONICA: Objection.                               |
| 17 Q. You told your customers the                | 17 THE WITNESS: Because they were                       |
| 18 truth when you wrote to them?                 | 18 buying eggs on the Certified Program                 |
| 19 A. It would have been to the best             | 19 and I gave him information on the next               |
| 20 of my ability, yes.                           | 20 forecast, on the next production area                |
| 21   | 21 along with some other information.                   |
| 22 (Exhibit Hinton-51, E-mail                    | 22 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                                     |
| 23 chain, Bates RA0006491, was marked for        | 23 Q. Did you provide him that                          |
| 24 identification.)                              | 24 information because the increase in square           |
| 25   | 25 inches per bird might have increased the             |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL           |
| 2 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                               | 2 price of eggs?  |
| 3 Q. I'm showing you what has been               | 3 A. I was just providing him with                      |
| 4 marked Hinton-51, bearing Bates number         | 4 information.  |
| 5 RA0006491. What is Exhibit 51, sir?            | 5 Q. So if he asked for the                             |
| 6 A. It's an e-mail from Ray Harmon,             | 6 information about how many square inches were         |
| 7 the buyer, Cracker Barrel to myself. And       | 7 going the change in the Animal Care                   |
| 8 Q. And contained in that e-mail                | 8 Certified Program was going in his e-mail?            |
| 9 A. I'm sorry.                                  | 9 A. I don't remember what all                          |
| 10 Q. Go ahead.                                  | 10 discussions was with the customer at that            |
| 11 A. And then previously in that was            | 11 time.  |
| 12 an e-mail from myself to Ray.                 | 12 Q. Was Cracker Barrel                                |
| 13 Q. And the e-mail from you to Ray             | 13 monitoring to your knowledge at that time,           |
| 14 Harmon of Cracker Barrel, what was the        | 14 was Cracker Barrel monitoring the                    |
| 15 subject of that e-mail?                       | 15 implementation of the Animal Welfare                 |
| 16 A. I provided him Don Bell's                  | 16 Guidelines?  |
| 17 forecast for the Urner Barry large egg market | 17 A. I don't recall exactly at that                    |
| 18 from August '04 through April of '05.         | 18 time, no.  |
| 19 Q. What else did you tell him in              | 19 Q. You don't recall today whether                    |
| 20 that e-mail? You did more than just tell him  | 20 they were or were not?                               |
| 21 here's Don Bell's projection, didn't you?     | 21 A. No, I don't.                                      |
| 22 A. Do you want me to read the                 | 22  |
| 23 e-mail, sir?                                  | 23 (Exhibit Hinton-52, 1/27/03                          |
| 24 Q. Well, sure. Okay. You say in               | 24 E-mail, Bates RA0006385, was marked                  |
| 25 here "The next reduction in flock size for    | 25 for identification.)                                 |

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| 2 Q. Do you know who Al Schimpf was 2 for identification.)  | _        |
| 3 working for in 2003?  3   |          |
| 4 A. Yes, S&R Egg Farm in Wisconsin. 4 BY MR. SCHIRMER:   |          |
| 5 Q. How about Monte Terry? 5 Q. I'm showing you what is marked   |          |
| 6 A. Monte was working for George's 6 as Hinton Exhibit 53, sir, bearing Bates  |          |
| 7 Egg Farm in Arkansas. 7 number RA0005326. What is it?   |          |
| 8 Q. In this e-mail, Mr. Bradley 8 A. It's an e-mail from myself to   |          |
| 9 says, "Wal-Mart has notified us today that 9 Bruce Boomsma.   |          |
| 10 they will be giving a twocents adjustment 10 Q. Who is Bruce Boomsma?  |          |
| 11 in your egg prices to adjust for the 11 A. At that time, he was the in   |          |
| 12 additional cost associated with the animal 12 charge of sales for Dutch Farms. He's since  |          |
| 13 care program." 13 deceased.  |          |
| Do you see that? 14 Q. In this e-mail you said that   |          |
| 15 A. Yes, I do. 15 the current costs for customers who want to   |          |
| 16 Q. Is that a reflection of the 16 go to the Animal Care Certified logo on their  |          |
| 17 costs that Rose Acre faced, the additional 17 cartons is \$0.02 per dozen. What did you  |          |
| 18 costs Rose Acre faced because of the Animal 18 mean when you wrote that?   |          |
| 19 Care Program? 19 A. That's what I what I meant   |          |
| 20 A. Could you restate your 20 was that if any of his customers wanted to go   |          |
| 21 question? 21 to the Certified Program, that I would  |          |
| 22 Q. Sure. Was that \$0.02 22 increase his cost on the price I sold him  |          |
| 23 adjustment in the egg prices a reflection of 23 eggs at by \$0.02 per dozen.   |          |
| 24 the actual cost to Rose Acre of complying 24 Q. Just a couple more questions.  |          |
| 25 with the Animal Care Program? 25 You testified earlier today   |          |

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| 2 that in I think Mr. Malysiak's examination,           | 2 MR. MONICA: I have a few                                    |
| 3 that 200,000 cases of eggs is about a week's          | 3 questions. Is anybody left on the                           |
| 4 production for you. Is that correct?                  | 4 phone?  |
| 5 A. It's less than a week's, but                       | 5 MR. BURKE: Yes, I'm still here.                             |
| 6 yes.  | 6 MR. MONICA: Do we have any                                  |
| 7 Q. Why don't you get Hinton-11                        | 7 questions?  |
| 8 out, please. Please turn to pages CM00413689          | 8 MR. BURKE: I do not have any                                |
| 9 through 413690. Earlier today you testified           | 9 questions.  |
| 10 about the material in the points on page             | 10 MR. MONICA: You may be done in                             |
| 11 41689. Would you turn to the next page,              | 11 a few minutes here.  |
| 12 please. Number 7, this is a series of points         | 12  |
| 13 from Ken Looper. He says that "If 1,000,000          | 13 EXAMINATION  |
| 14 additional individuals are on a high protein         | 14  |
| 15 diet and add two eggs a day, that equals             | 15 BY MR. MONICA:   |
| 16 5,555 casesa day; or, 38,885 cases each              | 16 Q. Mr. Hinton, if you would turn                           |
| 17 week. 38.885 additional cases each week              | 17 to Exhibit 29, please. When you have that in               |
| 18 represents approximately one percent of all          | 18 front of you, please look at the second                    |
| 19 the eggs produced."                                  | 19 paragraph of that document.                                |
| 20 Do you see that?                                     | 20 A. Okay.   |
| 21 A. Yes.  | 21 Q. Counsel asked you about the                             |
| 22 Q. To your knowledge, is that an                     | 22 third sentence of that second paragraph. I'm               |
| 23 accurate statement or, was that an accurate          | 23 going to read it into the record. "Also                    |
| 24 statement at the time?                               | 24 complying with the new UEP Animal Care                     |
| 25 A. I don't know without looking                      | 25 Certified guidelines has caused a decrease in              |
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| 2 at I'd have to look at some production                | 2 our overall bird numbers and resulted in an                 |
| 3 records. USDA and then you never you'd                | 3 increase in production costs."                              |
| 4 have to look at that to know that.                    | 4 Did I read that correctly?                                  |
| 5 Q. Mr. Looper then says, "one or                      | 5 A. Yes.   |
| 6 two percent up or down in the supply of most          | 6 Q. If you recall, could you please                          |
| 7 any commodity provides a big difference in            | 7 tell us what you meant when you put that in                 |
| 8 price."   | 8 your letter to John Gregorich?                              |
| 9 Do you agree with what Mr.                            | 9 A. I would have been referring to,                          |
| 10 Looper is saying there?                              | 10 under the UEP Animal Care Guidelines, there                |
| 11 MR. MONICA: Objection.                               | 11 was a phase-in process where we had to give                |
| 12 THE WITNESS: I don't really                          | 12 the birds more square inches per bird. And                 |
| have a comment either way with what                     | 13 what I was referring to here is the fact that              |
| 14 Mr. Looper was thinking there, what                  | 14 as we had to get more square inches per bird,              |
| his numbers are. It's not my numbers,                   | 15 it increased the cost on that particular                   |
| 16 and I don't recall seeing this report.               | 16 on those birds in that. So that's what I was               |
| 17 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                                     | 17 referring to, the cage, the cage space, the                |
| 18 Q. So you have no opinion as to                      | 18 square inches per chicken increased our cost               |
| 19 that statement?                                      | 19 to produce on those birds.                                 |
| 20 A. No, I don't. I don't know if                      | 20 Q. From your knowledge from 2000                           |
| 21 that's accurate or not.                              | 21 through 2008, did Rose Acre ever reduce its                |
| 22 MR. SCHIRMER: Subject to any                         |   |
| 1 22 MIN. SCHINMEN. SUBJECT TO ALLY                     | 1 // Overall laving nen numbers /                             |
|   | 22 overall laying hen numbers?  23 A Not alls I can recall we |
| 23 possible further examination by your                 | 23 A. Not alls I can recall, we                               |
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| 2 of reasons. One, I mean, the company always,   | 2 A. Yes. My personal knowledge,   |
| 3 we always since I've been there in 1980,   | 3 yes.   |
| 4 going back, we've always grown, the company  | 4 Q. If you look at Document 52 that   |
| 5 was always in a growth mode. And part of   | 5 Mr. Schirmer gave you to look at and asked   |
| 6 you know, being part of the UEP Animal Care  | 6 you questions about it. It's a January 27th  |
| 7 Certified guidelines did call for a reduction  | 7 e-mail from Bill Bradley to a series of  |
| 8 in or an increase in per square inches per   | 8 people including you.  |
| 9 bird. And had we not done anything, our  | 9 A. Yes.  |
| 10 production would have decreased and I   | 10 Q. Do you recall that e-mail?   |
| 11 couldn't have filled my customer's needs. So  | 11 A. Yes.   |
| 12 to have enough eggs to keep a continuous  | 12 Q. And the subject is "Wal-Mart   |
| 13 supply to our customers, we continued to  | 13 animal care cost." Do you see that?   |
| 14 grow, we were growing and we had to grow even   | 14 A. Yes, I do.   |
| 15 more just to make sure that I had enough eggs   | 15 Q. Mr. Schirmer asked you   |
| 16 to supply our customer needs.   | 16 questions about the \$0.02 adjustment that's  |
| 17 Q. To your knowledge, did UEP's   | 17 referenced in this e-mail. Do you see that?   |
| 18 Animal Welfare Program ever contain a   | 18 A. Yes.   |
| 19 prohibition saying that members could not   | 19 Q. Do you ever recall any other   |
| 20 build additional houses or add cages?   | 20 customers of Rose Acre provided an adjustment   |
| 21 A. No. No, sir.   | 21 to Rose Acre in association with the UEP  |
| 22 Q. Just set that aside for a  | 22 Animal Welfare Program costs?   |
| 23 second. Well, you can leave it there.   | 23 A. Yes.   |
| 24 If you'll look at Exhibit 48.   | 24 Q. Who do you recall?   |
| 25 A. Okay.  | 25 A. Kroger.  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  |
| 2 Q. I believe when Mr. Schirmer   | 2 Q. Do you recall how large it was  |
| 3 examined you about this document, he asked   | 3 approximately?   |
| 4 you if you had lied to your customers and you  | 4 A. I don't remember today exactly  |
| 5 indicated that generally that, no, that was  | 5 how much it was. I remember having a meeting   |
| 6 not your intent. Do you recall that?   | 6 with Kroger to discuss it along with our   |
| 7 A. Yes. I don't lie to customers.  | 7 our CFO went along with me to the meeting to   |
| 8 Q. When you wrote this document,   | 8 discuss our increased cost of production and   |
| 9 you believed the information in it was   | 9 we met with the Kroger buyer. I don't  |
| 10 accurate. Correct?  | 10 remember exact costs.   |
| 11 MR. SCHIRMER: Object to the   | 11 Q. Do you remember who you met  |
| 12 form.   | 12 with?   |
| 13 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat   | 13 MR. MALYSIAK: Objection to  |
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| 14 the question?   | 14 foundation. Date and time.  |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA:   | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there.  |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you   | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA:  |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you 17 did your best to convey what you believed was  | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA: 17 Q. Do you remember who you met  |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you 17 did your best to convey what you believed was 18 accurate information to Kraft. Correct?   | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA: 17 Q. Do you remember who you met 18 with?   |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you 17 did your best to convey what you believed was 18 accurate information to Kraft. Correct? 19 A. Yes. In my mind, that's what I  | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA: 17 Q. Do you remember who you met 18 with? 19 A. Gary Stahl.   |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you 17 did your best to convey what you believed was 18 accurate information to Kraft. Correct? 19 A. Yes. In my mind, that's what I 20 wrote, yes.   | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA: 17 Q. Do you remember who you met 18 with? 19 A. Gary Stahl. 20 Q. Do you remember when?   |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you 17 did your best to convey what you believed was 18 accurate information to Kraft. Correct? 19 A. Yes. In my mind, that's what I 20 wrote, yes. 21 Q. And you're not an economist.                                | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA: 17 Q. Do you remember who you met 18 with? 19 A. Gary Stahl. 20 Q. Do you remember when? 21 A. I don't remember the exact  |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you 17 did your best to convey what you believed was 18 accurate information to Kraft. Correct? 19 A. Yes. In my mind, that's what I 20 wrote, yes. 21 Q. And you're not an economist. 22 Correct?                    | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA: 17 Q. Do you remember who you met 18 with? 19 A. Gary Stahl. 20 Q. Do you remember when? 21 A. I don't remember the exact 22 date, no. It's                                    |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you 17 did your best to convey what you believed was 18 accurate information to Kraft. Correct? 19 A. Yes. In my mind, that's what I 20 wrote, yes. 21 Q. And you're not an economist. 22 Correct? 23 A. No, I'm not. | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA: 17 Q. Do you remember who you met 18 with? 19 A. Gary Stahl. 20 Q. Do you remember when? 21 A. I don't remember the exact 22 date, no. It's 23 Q. Can you ballpark time frame? |
| 14 the question? 15 BY MR. MONICA: 16 Q. When you wrote this e-mail, you 17 did your best to convey what you believed was 18 accurate information to Kraft. Correct? 19 A. Yes. In my mind, that's what I 20 wrote, yes. 21 Q. And you're not an economist. 22 Correct?                    | 15 MR. MONICA: I'm getting there. 16 BY MR. MONICA: 17 Q. Do you remember who you met 18 with? 19 A. Gary Stahl. 20 Q. Do you remember when? 21 A. I don't remember the exact 22 date, no. It's                                    |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                                    |
| 2 Q. Do you remember what you  | 2 A. That was just part of their   |
| 3 discussed, if anything, with Mr. Stahl at  | 3 specs. It was UEP Certified and we provided                                    |
| 4 that meeting?  | 4 our UEP certificate to Hy-Vee along with                                       |
| 5 A. We discussed our increased  | 5 our along with other certificates, our   |
| 6 costs of production because of the to  | 6 SQF, level three certificates for food safety                                  |
| 7 comply with the UEP Animal Welfare Program.  | 7 was very important to them.  |
| 8 Q. Do you recall how Mr. Stahl   | 8 Q. Are you aware that Hy-Vee has   |
| 9 responded to that?   | 9 sued Rose Acre in 2000, I believe it was                                       |
| 10 A. He agreed with our CFO's report  | 10 '8 I'm sorry, 2010 over its participation                                     |
| 11 on that and gave us a price increase for  | 11 in the UEP Certified Program?   |
| 12 their eggs during the middle of a contract.   | MR. SCHIRMER: Object to form.  |
| 13 Q. I'm going to ask you about some  | 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.   |
| 14 other entities, and after I name them, I'd  | 14 BY MR. MONICA:  |
| 15 like you to tell me if you ever recall having   | 15 Q. Did that issue come up in your   |
| 16 conversations with them about the UEP   | 16 conversation with Mr. Gean?   |
| 17 Certified Program. When I say "you," I mean   | 17 A. No.  |
| 18 you, Greg Hinton.   | 18 MR. SCHIRMER: Object to form.   |
| 19 A. Okay.  | 19 THE WITNESS: No, it did not.  |
| 20 Q. So I'm just interested in your   | 20 BY MR. MONICA:  |
| 21 personal recollection. 22 Have you ever had a   | 21 Q. Kraft Foods Global, Inc., do 22 you recall ever having a conversation with |
| 23 conversation with Hy-Vee regarding the UEP  | 23 anyone at Kraft about the UEP Certified                                       |
| 24 Certified Program?  | 24 Program?  |
| 25 A. Yes.   | 25 A. Several people.  |
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| Page 267  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  | Page 269  1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL                          |
| 2 Q. Who at Hy-Vee did you have that   | 2 Q. Who did you have discussions  |
| 3 discussion with, if you recall?  | 3 with if you can recall?  |
| 4 A. Todd Gean.  | 4 A. Well, I got refreshed. John   |
| 5 Q. Do you know how to spell Todd's   | 5 Gregorich, Scott Mannion, and Barbara  |
| 6 last name?   | 6 McWilliams.  |
| 7 A. G-E-A-N.  | 7 Q. When did these discussions  |
| 8 Q. Do you recall approximately   | 8 occur if you recall?   |
| 9 when that was?   | 9 MR. SCHIRMER: Object to the  |
| 10 A. It would have been spring, late  | 10 form.   |
| 11 spring 2012.  | 11 THE WITNESS: They would be over   |
| 12 Q. Do you recall the substance of   | the course of the last approximately   |
| 13 that conversation?  | 13 seven years, different times. Those   |
| 14 A. It was just in a general   | are three different buyers that I  |
| 15 discussion about Rose Acre's capabilities and   | 15 mentioned at Kraft.   |
| 16 our food safety and our animal welfare  | 16 BY MR. MONICA:  |
| 17 programs.   | 17 Q. With John, I can't say his last  |
| 18 Q. Did Mr. Gean indicate to you or  | 18 name, Gregorich?  |
| 19 anyone else at Rose Acre how he was requiring   | 19 A. Gregorich.   |
| 20 UEP Certified eggs?   | 20 Q. Gregorich. Do you recall the   |
| 21 A. Yes.   | 21 substance of any conversations you had with                                   |
| 22 MR. SCHIRMER: Object to the   | 22 Mr. Gregorich about the UEP Certified   |
| 23 form.   | 23 Program?  |
| 24 BY MR. MONICA:  | 24 A. I mean, in general there was   |
| I and the second |  |
| 25 Q. What did he say about that?  | 25 Kraft was changing their specs to include the                                 |

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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 animal the UEP Animal Certified Program in     | 2 specifications that I have, that's a           |
| 3 their specifications, and as we looked at      | 3 requirement. Barbara initially the             |
| 4 earlier today in one of the prior exhibits,    | 4 conversation went that she said that it        |
| 5 there was a letter from me referring to that,  | 5 wasn't necessarily a Kraft requirement to be   |
| 6 that Kraft had changed their specifications    | 6 UEP Certified. And I pointed out to Barbara    |
| 7 and that they that we were changing,           | 7 that it was, in fact, a requirement of Rose    |
| 8 moving their pricing to the certified, the     | 8 Acre's, from my knowledge, it was a            |
| 9 Urner Barry certified market report, market    | 9 requirement because it was in the              |
| 10 quote.  | 10 specifications that Kraft had provided me,    |
| 11 Q. Did Mr. Gregorich explain to               | 11 and she said she wasn't aware of the          |
| 12 you why Kraft had changed its spec to include | 12 specifications. So I sent her the Kraft       |
| 13 UEP certification requirements?               | 13 specifications which did state, require the   |
| 14 MR. SCHIRMER: Object to form.                 | 14 UEP Certified Guidelines. And then when I     |
| 15 THE WITNESS: Discussions                      | 15 later asked if we were going to be if that    |
| 16 centered around pressure from animal          | 16 was going to be part of the requirements, she |
| 17 rights group was a big part of it.            | 17 said that basically that ours, the            |
| 18 The same reason for the last four             | 18 requirements for Rose Acre's has not changed, |
| 19 years, Kraft has requested to have, to        | 19 it's still going to be the certified          |
| 20 buy a percentage of eggs from cage            | 20 guidelines. And I beyond that, what Kraft     |
| 21 free birds, and it sill centers around        | 21 does, that was the extent of my conversation  |
| from pressure from animal rights                 | 22 with Barbara. That was spring of 2013.        |
| 23 groups, from what they tell me.               | 23 Q. Have you ever had a                        |
| 24 BY MR. MONICA:                                | 24 conversation or discussion with anyone at     |
| 25 Q. Can you recall the substance of            | 25 Nestle about the UEP Certified Program?       |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    |
| 2 any of your conversations with Scott Mannion   | 2 MR. SCHIRMER: Object to form.                  |
| 3 at Kraft regarding the UEP Certified Program?  | 3 THE WITNESS: I personally have                 |
| 4 A. I don't remember exact                      | 4 not, but Nestle was one of our                 |
| 5 conversation, no. Just Scott came on as a      | 5 customers that my sales staff works            |
| 6 new buyer and I had to discuss our entire      | 6 with that require UEP Certified eggs.          |
| 7 business model and kind of a past history.     | 7 BY MR. MONICA:                                 |
| 8 And I believe there's some well, there         | 8 Q. Have you ever had discussion                |
| 9 were some documents I provided to Scott        | 9 with anyone at SuperValu regarding the UEP     |
| 10 showing him just a history of our             | 10 Certified Program?                            |
| 11 relationship with Kraft.                      | 11 A. With I have with Save-A-Lot                |
| 12 Q. Barbara McWilliams at Kraft, do            | 12 which is a division of SuperValu.             |
| 13 you recall the substance of any your          | 13 Q. Who at Save-A-Lot                          |
| 14 conversations with Ms. McWilliams about the   | 14 A. Kim  |
| 15 UEP Certified Program?                        | 15 Q. Let me ask the question. Who               |
| 16 A. Yes.                                       | 16 at Save-A-Lot did you have a discussion with  |
| 17 Q. What is your recollection?                 | 17 about the UEP Certified Program?              |
| 18 A. During the last contract                   | 18 A. Kim Fromme.                                |
| 19 negotiation, or Kraft today doesn't refer to  | 19 Q. Do you recall when,                        |
| 20 as contracts, it would be annual POs, a       | 20 approximately, that occurred?                 |
| 21 conversation came up that Barbara informed me | 21 A. No, I don't.                               |
| 22 that they were going to be testing out a      | 22 Q. Do you recall the substance of             |
| 23 secondary supplier for their products, and I  | 23 the discussion?                               |
| 24 asked specifically if the supplier was a UEP  | 24 MR. SCHIRMER: Object to the                   |
| 25 Certified supplier because in Kraft's         | 25 form.   |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 THE WITNESS: I think it was                    | 2 economist, but I without looking exactly    |
| 3 educating Kim, giving her information          | 3 at what we're talking about, I but, yes,    |
| 4 about, she was asking about the Animal         | 4 I'm   |
| 5 Welfare Program, what all was involved         | 5 Q. How long have you worked in the          |
| 6 in it. And just going through that             | 6 egg industry again?                         |
| 7 with her and then working later with           | 7 A. 34 years.                                |
| 8 their artwork department where they            | 8 Q. How long have you been in sales          |
| 9 required the UEP Certified logo on             | 9 in the egg industry?                        |
| 10 their egg cartons.                            | 10 A. Since 1989.                             |
| 11 BY MR. MONICA:                                | 11 Q. So that's, what, 24 years in            |
| 12 Q. Anything else that you can                 | 12 sales in the egg industry?                 |
| 13 recall about those conversations?             | 13 MR. MALYSIAK: 25.                          |
| 14 A. No, I don't. Not exactly, no.              | 14 MR. SCHIRMER: 25.                          |
| 15 MR. MONICA: I have no further                 | 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.                          |
| 16 questions.                                    | 16 MR. SCHIRMER: Don't make me                |
| 17 MS. ANDERSON: I have no                       | 17 feel any older than I am.                  |
| 18 questions.                                    | No more questions.                            |
| 19 MR. SCHIRMER: Just a couple.                  | 19 MR. MONICA: We have no more                |
| 20   | 20 either. You're done.                       |
| 21 FURTHER EXAMINATION                           | 21 VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end              |
| 22   | 22 of tape four in the videotape              |
| 23 BY MR. SCHIRMER:                              | 23 deposition of Greg Hinton. The             |
| 24 Q. You said that over the years in            | 24 deposition concludes at 5:23.              |
| 25 response to Mr. Monica's question, that Rose  | 25  |
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| 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL    | 1 GREGORY EUGENE HINTON - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL |
| 2 Acre has been consistently increasing          | 2 (Witness excused.)                          |
| 3 production.                                    | 3 (Deposition concluded at 5:23               |
| 4 A. Yes, we have.                               | 4 p.m.)                                       |
| 5 Q. The North Carolina Hyde County              | 5   |
| 6 Farm, do you know when that began production?  | 6   |
| 7 A. We started construction in                  | 7   |
| 8 2005, so production would have followed        | 8   |
| 9 either that year or in 2006. I don't know      | 9   |
| 10 exact date when we had the first production.  | 10  |
| 11 Q. Do you know when you first                 | 11  |
| 12 started planning the North Carolina facility? | 12  |
| 13 A. I don't recall for sure. That              | 13  |
| 14 would be something you'd need to ask Marcus   | 14  |
| 15 Rust.   | 15  |
| 16 Q. One last question. We were                 | 16  |
| 17 talking about Hinton-48, the e-mail from you  | 17  |
| 18 to Ann Mesavage at Kraft. You said you        | 18  |
| 19 don't have to look at it, I swear.            | 19  |
| 20 A. Okay.                                      | 20  |
| 21 Q. You said you're not an                     | 21  |
| 22 economist so this is just your best estimate  | 22  |
| 23 of what was going to happen in the egg        | 23  |
| 24 market.                                       | 24  |
| 25 A. I remember saying I'm not an               | 25  |
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|  | and correct record of the testimony given by  | 12   | SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before and to me  |
|  | the witness; and that I am neither of counsel<br>nor kin to any party in said action, nor   | 13   | this day of, 20  |
|  | interested in the outcome thereof.  | 14   | uns day or, 20   |
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